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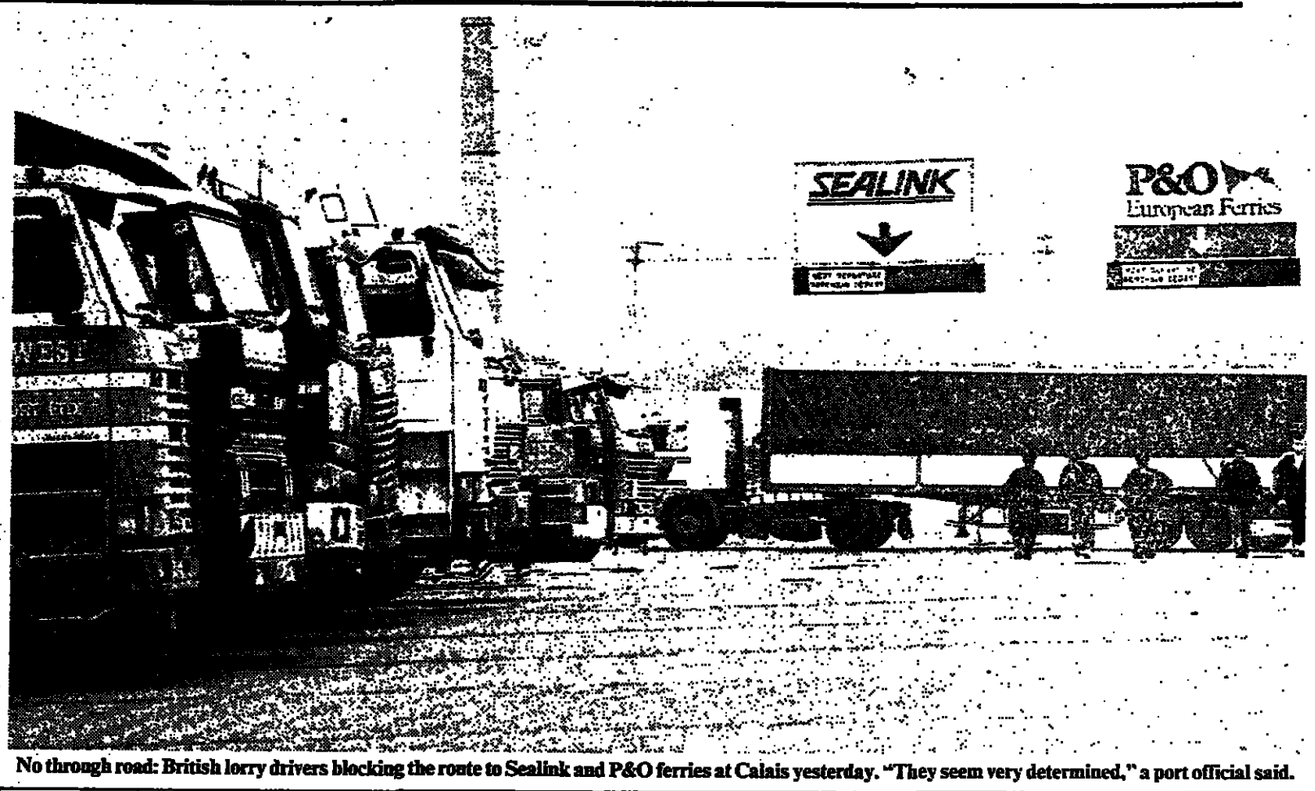
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Defiant P&O flies crews to Holland to man strike-bound freight ferries

Lorry drivers' blockade halts Channel ports



No through road: British lorry drivers blocking the route to Sealink and P&O ferries at Calais yesterday. "They seem very determined," a port official said.

By David Sapsted and Tim Jones

P&O yesterday flew a party of crewmen to Flushing in The Netherlands to prepare three strike-bound freight ferries for service as it signalled it had no intention of compromising in its four-month-old dispute with the National Union of Seamen.

The move came as lorry drivers blockaded Dover and Calais, Europe's busiest ferry ports, causing unparalleled chaos to Continetnal trade and traffic.

The two French seamen's unions, the Communist-led CGT and the socialist affiliated CFDT, also promised to "black" British ships in support of the NUS.

At Dover, the Harbour Board closed down the port after lorry drivers, whose frustration over delays have been building up for weeks, blocked entrances to the Western and Eastern Docks. Last night, senior officials of the Board were trying to persuade the drivers to move their vehicles.

At least 400 trucks were reported to be blockading Calais after drivers had rejected a peace formula put forward by SNCF, the French railway company which operates half of the Sealink services to Dover.

Mr Armand Touboil, manager of Sealink Calais said the port was blockaded with all

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three ferries serving Dover unable to move. He said the 400 lorry drivers involved were calling on all sides in the dispute to sit down and find a solution. "They seem very determined", he said.

The blockade came as representatives of the Dover strikers were last night fighting a rearguard action to prevent their colleagues from other ports accepting the "final offer" from the rival Sealink ferry company and leaving them effectively isolated.

As members of the NUS national ferry ports committee, representing shop stewards from every port in Britain, arrived at TUC headquarters in London to discuss the deal, the deadline for acceptance set by Sealink had passed without any action being taken.

Although Sealink had told the union it had only until yesterday morning to accept its offer of employing 450 of the sacked crew on a temporary casual basis, it was clear that the company was waiting the result of last night's meeting before taking any action.

Sealink, which has indicated it will dismiss its 2,300 crew members unless they listen to "rational argument" and return to work, said it was proceeding with contingency plans but refused to discuss what they were.

Under the deal proposed by Sealink, the company would employ the men to run two additional cross channel ferries which would allow the union to regain its £2.8 million assets, sequestrated by the High Court, by calling off its unlawful secondary action and purging its contempt of court.

A senior member of the union said before last night's talks that the members in other ports, whose action has virtually halted all Sealink operations were becoming increasingly concerned about the strategy being employed by national negotiators.

There was the feeling that it was "daft" to pursue a dispute against P&O on the issue of wages and conditions by effectively crippling the operations of Sealink, its main rival. "There is a growing feeling that we should be helping Sealink as much as possible in order to damage P&O and bring it back to the negotiating table", he said.

It was also felt that NUS seamen who supported the Dover P&O strikers were unable to help financially while they were not being paid, and there was a growing feeling that the dispute has been "hijacked" by the NUS ports committee at Dover who are over-riding any deal Mr Sam McCluskie, the union's general secretary, has been able to agree with Sealink.

Another reason was that many NUS members, while conceeding that the Sealink offer has much to do with commercial considerations, believe that Mr James Sherwood, the head of Sealink, has done all he can to persuade Sir Jeffrey Sterling, his P&O counterpart, to return to the negotiating table.

Last night, the NUS official said: "It could be very tight but in my opinion the Dover representatives will win the day and the national stoppage will continue".

Around Britain yesterday, the tempo of the strike appeared to be picking up again.

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SAS may face murder charges on IRA deaths

From Tony Dawe, Gibraltar

The SAS members who carried out the killing of three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar could face murder charges, Mr Eric Thistlethwaite, the colony's Attorney General, told *The Times* last night.

Mr Thistlethwaite said he would instigate prosecutions if further evidence showed that the terrorists were shot dead as they tried to surrender.

His remarks countered allegations that the Gibraltar authorities were trying to "whitewash" the actions of the SAS troops. He was clearly aware of a concerted campaign by Government sources to justify the shooting after claims on the Thames Television programme, *Death On The Rock*, that the three unarmed members of the IRA put up their hands before shots were fired.

Mr Thistlethwaite's refusal to rule out prosecutions has forced the Gibraltar police to widen their inquiries and to visit Britain to interview holidaymakers who witnessed the killings.

It also explains the continuing uncertainty about a date for the inquest into the three deaths. Mr Thistlethwaite said: "It would prove impossible to hold a fair trial in Gibraltar if all the evidence had been examined in detail at an inquest first.

"I am aware that if I have to bring charges, I should do so before the end of June when the inquest is likely to start. If the inquest goes ahead, it could return three possible verdicts in this case: an open verdict or ones of unlawful killing or justifiable homicide.

"If the jury brought in a verdict of unlawful killing, it would be difficult to pursue in the courts", he said.

If charges are brought, the case would be heard in Gibraltar. The Gibraltar authorities would expect the Ministry of Defence to ensure that the soldiers appeared to face trial.

However, if no charges were brought and the inquest goes ahead, the Gibraltar authori-

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ties expect the members of the SAS team to give evidence in person. However, efforts will be made to protect their identities, probably by hearing their evidence in camera.

Mr Thisthethwaite, who has taken out an injunction to prevent local radio, television and newspapers from reporting evidence about the killings, said: "It is bad enough trying to assemble an unbiased jury from a possible total of only 6,000 when British television companies and newspapers are producing reconstructions of the events".

His remarks are significant because he has seen statements by members of the SAS team which carried out the killings on March 6. The men were de-briefed by Gibraltar police after the incident before being flown back to Britain.

The only published evidence to suggest that Mairead Farrell, leader of the IRA gang, and Danny McCann, a proven killer, were trying to surrender has come from Mrs Carmen Proetta in an interview on the Thames Television programme which was supported by a sworn affidavit sent to the Gibraltar coroner.

Mr Thistlethwaite has made two separate appeals for further witnesses in recent weeks

He said: "I would be glad to hear from some of the witnesses turned up by the media, but I fail to understand why they did not approach the police beforehand".

Six teenagers who told a British newspaper that they saw Sean Savage, the third terrorist, shot in the back and then shot again as he lay on the ground are among those who did not report what they saw to the police.

Mr Thistlethwaite was pleased that a report of his appeal for witnesses in *The Times* had produced results in Britain. "One witness wrote to me to say that he had evidence which could be valuable to the inquest and the Gibraltar police will be seeing him during their visit to Britain."

The officers will also interview a British tourist who suffered a flesh wound from a ricocheting bullet during the shooting.

Rocard tipped as Chirac prepares his resignation

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

The resignation of M Jacques Chirac as Prime Minister of France will be handed in to President Mitterrand this afternoon.

A terse statement to this effect was issued yesterday evening by the defeated candidate in Sunday's presiden-

Mrs Thatcher last night telephoned President Mitterrand to congratulate him, and also sent him a warmly worded written message. She said she "greatly welcomed" the continuity of leadership and felt that Anglo-French relations had "developed impressively" during his first term.

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tial election. It announced that M Chirac had made a formal request to be received by the President at the Elysée Palace.

There was no immediate response from M Mitterrand, but it is considered certain that the Prime Minister's resignation will be accepted.

After a day spent savouring his historic victory, M Mitterrand must now select a new Prime Minister. All the indications last night were that this would be M Michel Rocard, the former socialist Minister of Agriculture. A decision on whether to hold new parliamentary elections has not yet emerged.

According to some reports, removal men were already crating up the collection of Chinese antiques displayed in the Prime Minister's office at the Matignon during the past two years of uneasy *cohabitation* with President Mitterrand.

The morning after his triumph found the re-elected M Mitterrand in understanably chipper form after the comprehensive rout of his conservative opponent. "I could feel it in the air, like the rest of France," he observed during the helicopter trip back to Paris from his adopted home town, Château-Chinon.

The President insisted there was never any danger that the Chirac camp's last minute *coups de théâtre* with the liberation of hostages in Lebanon and New Caledonia and the return of the Greenpeace saboteur would derail things.

"It turns out they rather overloaded the boat in that last week," he said.

In more serious mood, M Mitterrand indicated that the New Caledonia files were now at the very top of his agenda.

It became clear yesterday that the official date of M Mitterrand's new seven-year term begins at midnight on

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● With three daily prize winners yesterday (see page 3) Portfolio Accumulator stands unchanged at £74,000. Portfolio offers two chances to win — the daily prize or, if your number is higher than the daily total, the contents of the Accumulator fund.

INGENUITY

● INGENUITY, the daily game which tests contestants' wits and wisdom, is now into its second week. Six sets of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, together worth more than £13,000, await the winners.
● The game is being played over 18 days, with 10 questions a day. Today's round: page 15

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Nestlé defiant

Nestlé will press on with its bid for Rowntree even if it is referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the Nestlé chairman said Page 25
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Shoe shop bid

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Rebel peers draw poll tax support

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Conservative rebels in the Lords are confident they can muster enough support to force the Government to make further concessions over the community charge.

The peers will table amendments today aimed at basing the level of the charge on ability to pay. These are likely to be supported by all peers on the opposition benches, many independent peers and, they believe, enough Conservative colleagues to defeat the Government.

Lord Denham, the Government Chief Whip in the Lords, has encouraged impressive numbers of Conservatives to protect legislation so far this session. A rebellion supported by at least 20 Conservative peers would be almost certain to defeat his best efforts.

Support for changes to take account of ability to pay was actively given by most of the 50 peers who spoke in last night's second reading debate

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on the Local Government Finance Bill, enacting the poll tax proposals.

Lord Chelwood, formerly the Conservative MP Sir Tufton Beamish, plans to table the main amendment today. It will require Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, to lay regulations before the Bill can come into force which will take account of people's ability to pay both below and above the rebate level.

Bank fails to peg sterling

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The pound surged higher yesterday, in spite of an attempt by the Bank of England to restrain it by selling sterling. It rose by three pfennigs to just above DM3.16, and by 1.4 cents to $1.8805.

The pound's rise — largely due to a report by a US securities house — raises the possibility of a further cut in base rates and mortgage rates.

Sterling's rise prompted market talk that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, was about to resign. Paradoxically, this helped the pound rise further, as he is regarded as the guardian of sterling stability. The speculation was denied by the Treasury.

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Air control delays infuriate BA

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

British Airways has sent MPs an unpublished memorandum severely criticizing the performance of the Civil Aviation Authority's air traffic control system.

The airline has told the all-party Commons transport committee, which is inquiring into air safety, that the system has become "increasingly inefficient". That would enable European cities such as Amsterdam or Frankfurt to usurp London's pre-eminent position as an "international crossroads of air transport".

In particular it suggests that frequent delays caused by the system's shortcomings are costing the airlines huge sums which are having to be passed on to passengers.

Its says that nearly 20 per cent of its short haul flights were delayed at Heathrow last summer, as were more than 10 per cent of long haul flights and about 7 per cent of shuttle flights. In 1984 the figures were just over 10 per cent for

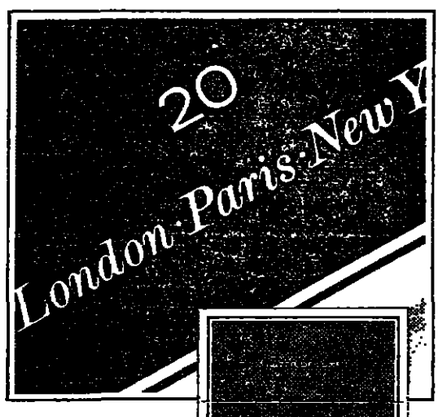
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short haul flights, and under 5 per cent for long haul and shuttle flights.

The airline says the air traffic control system was safe at present but as it became increasingly inefficient "then mistakes occur which in turn leads to concerns over air safety".

The airline says the National Air Traffic Service should be re-equipped with the latest computer technology, manned by the "highest calibre of computer expertise".

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Mystical Los Angeles quaking over prophesy

From Charles Bremner
New York

The White House accused Mr Donald Regan, the former White House Chief of Staff, of seeking to exploit the presidency and the Reagans "for personal self-interest" with his book about Mrs Nancy Reagan's use of astrology. But Mr Regan was unrepentant. "I was made the victim, so now the victim tells his side of the story," he said ..... Page 6

Forget for the moment what the stars say about Mr Gorbachov's mood in May — the planets are lining up for more urgent business this week and their target is, as usual, California.

In the land where the mystical has long mingled with the material and no one was remotely surprised by news of the Reagan star-gazing, tens of thousands of citizens are bracing themselves for the Big One.

This, for believers, is the week of the great Los Angeles quake which was prophesied by the 16th century seer Nostradamus and interpreted in a 1981 television film by Orson Wells. Non-believers may scoff, but the Big One has disrupted life for thousands in southern California. The airlines report booming business on departing flights, children are being kept from school and the more nervous types are packing up their homes and heading for the hills.

"There are lots of people out there who are genuinely fearful," said Mr Ed Krupp, director of the Griffith observatory. "They're not crazy. They're intelligent."

Callers are jamming the three quake telephone hotlines set up by the state observatory to calm jittery citizens.

"The planets will not be in the position that Nostradamus says. There is no alignment in May," the hotline said yesterday in a technical rebuttal before pointing out that "even if the planets were aligned there would be no effect".

Despite such assurances, local polls show one in 20 people are seriously worried and Extend-A-Life, a firm which calls itself "the largest purveyor of disaster supplies in America", is reporting a 10-fold leap in the sales of survival kits which include purified water, high-calorie cookies and hand-cranked stereos.

For many psychics, the Big One is based on "unscientific" calculations and is being used by the media to discredit what has recently become very serious business in America.

"I am a serious person," said Mrs Joan Quigley, the Reagan "spiritual counsellor", in a defence of her credentials yesterday.

"I am a Vassar graduate and I have a disciplined and accessible mind."

Mrs Quigley, a San Francisco heiress, is typical of the new-style mystical movement, known generically as the New Age, which spread from California in the early 1980s and has taken firm root in New York and other big cities as the country has developed a new interest in the paranormal.

According to a survey by the University of Chicago last year, 67 per cent of Americans claim to have undergone "psychic experiences".

The New Age covers an eclectic spectrum of "belief systems". These include astrology, psychotherapy, tarot-reading, dinosaurs, healing by crystal power, medieval magic and ancient oriental religion.

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Business studies college at Oxford

Oxford University is preparing to run its own school of management. The university already funds joint degrees in engineering and management and materials science and management with the independent Templeton College. Now Templeton is to be approached with a view to creating a new college within the university offering Master of Business Adminsration degrees and other qualifications.

Templeton's council yesterday welcomed the proposals and the college seems set to become the equivalent of a fully participating part of the university, which has three representatives on the college council.

A committee chaired by Sir Claus Moser, Warden of Wadham College, has recommended phasing in the new school of management, beginning with specialist one-year MBA courses in financial, information, human resource and public sector management. It will also cater for part-time students.

Baker's car attacked

Seven sixth form college students were arrested yesterday after an attack on the car of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science. Two hundred students surrounded Mr Baker's car, kicking it and banging on the roof, as he left the Richmond Tertiary College where he had been visiting a computer exhibition. Three students were held at the college and the other four were arrested at Twickenham police station where they were protesting about the earlier arrests. All seven were charged with public order offences and released. Mr Baker was said to be unruffled.

Natalie case remand

A woman aged 44 was remanded in custody for a week by Cardiff magistrates, accused of abducting Natalie Horrell last week. Delia McCall, of Garswood, Merseyside, is accused of taking the five-month-old child in a department store in Cardiff. A youth who was being questioned by police about the baby's disappearance has been released without charge.

£90m defence order

The Ministry of Defence yesterday awarded a £90 million contract for a computerized battlefield system to control all surface-to-air weapons toEasams, a GEC company based in Frimley, Surrey. It will create 200 engineering jobs. The air defence command information system (ADCIS) will be deployed in northern Germany and should be in service in about four years. It will provide continuous information on whether fighter aircraft flying over the battlefield are friendly or hostile and will control the firing of surface-to-air weapon systems.

Jail post for ex-priest

A former priest is to take over as governor of Peterhead prison, north-east Scotland, the scene of a damaging riot and hostage taking last September. Dr Andrew Coyle, at present governor of Greenock prison, will assume his new post next month. Dr Coyle, aged 43, was ordained a priest in 1968 after studying at the Royal Scots College in Valladolid, Spain. He said: "I am conscious I have been asked to govern what is arguably the most difficult prison in Scotland".

Better Britain cash

The Countryside Commission and the Nature Conservancy Council have for the first time committed funds to a campaign run by a commercial organization. Mr Bob Reid, chairman of Shell UK, announced yesterday that the commission was providing £50,000 and the NCC £20,000 towards the company's Better Britain Campaign. The money is to be used for projects of specific nature conservation interests. Shell is to spend £1 million during the next three years on expanding the campaign.

Ridley faces Tory rage on easing Green Belt

By David Walker

When Mr Nicholas Ridley addresses the Bow Group tonight on the subject of Green Belts and development, he will be following in the footsteps of his ill-fated predecessor Lord Jenkins of Roding.

It is believed that Mr Ridley wants to let the brickies' army into the Darenth Valley in Kent; commentators date the fall from grace as Secretary of State for the Environment, of the former Patrick Jenkin to the day in 1984, when he too broached the idea of altering the criteria which govern where builders can build in the green counties around the capital.

Patrick Jenkin talked liberalization of the Green Belt; within months he retreated with his tail between his legs. Nicholas Ridley is surely made of sterner stuff.

The Secretary of State is thinking again about the Green Belt, only four months after his department issued a restatement of the principles behind control of development in the countryside around the conurbations, because of a set of figures he received in February estimating the likely growth in demand for housing in the South-east.

The projections were startling: the 6.6 million households in the South-east in 1986 are set to increase by 14 per cent by the end of the century; an extra million flats and houses would be needed to accommodate the growth. Taken at their face value – which the private builders, a powerful lobbying organization under a Conservative administration certainly did – they are enough to give a minister nightmares.

Mr Ridley did not have nightmares; he passed the figures to the South-east Regional Planning Consortium (Serplan), the voluntary grouping of councils in the London area, and will next month hear their response.

Those figures are bare estimates. To them have to be added the push on demand for land for housing and industrial development arising from the opening of the Channel tunnel and the expansion of Stansted. It begins to look, at least to the Secretary of State, an abdication of responsibility not to question once again some of the assumptions behind Green Belts.

Few aspects of planning are less well understood. Green Belts were conceived by Conservative ministers to check the sprawl of London and the other conurbations and to prevent towns merging.

But the earlier idea of a cordon sanitaire around the city has grown (there are now 1.2 million acres classified as Green Belt around London) into a blanket prohibition on development of the most desirable land in the country.

The pressures on land have recently become pressures on Mr Ridley. They include:

- applications for private sector towns/villages in Hampshire and Essex.
- the Government's desire to capitalize on the value of substantial holdings of land by the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Transport and the NHS.
- the success of the M25 in attracting retail development

Even the planners have begun to question the way Green Belt land has become a totem. The best hope for the Green Belt is, paradoxically, more not less planning: a fuller presentation than the Government has yet given of where the inevitable development is to be channelled.

Civil Service union rejects strike call

By Roland Rudd

The Civil and Public Services Association yesterday rejected a Militant-backed call for a strike ballot over pay and voted by a clear majority to open immediate negotiations with the Treasury to establish a long-term pay settlement.

Mr John Ellis, the union's general secretary, described the vote at the association's annual conference in Bournemouth as a clear mandate to accept the Treasury's revised pay offer of 4.5 per cent or £5.50 a week, which ever is greater.

He said that the Militant Tendency, which had controlled the union for more than a year, was a spent force.

The Treasury said it was delighted that the union had voted for negotiations without threatening further strike action, and that it would be happy to renegotiate a new settlement.

Mr John Macreadie, deputy general secretary and a Militant supporter, described the vote as a "temporary setback" and predicted the membership would reject the Treasury's pay offer and return the militant Broad Left to power within a year.

A motion instructing the incoming national executive committee to undertake "urgent and serious negotiations with the Treasury" to make "the issue of a long-term pay settlement the number one priority" was passed by 75,075 to 56,803 in a card vote representing the branches.

The vote came as a surprise to both the left and right. The conference, which had been dominated by Broad Left activists, also voted against a motion calling for a strike ballot in June by 448 to 337 and instead instructed the executive to "obtain the maximum from the Treasury by way of negotiations".

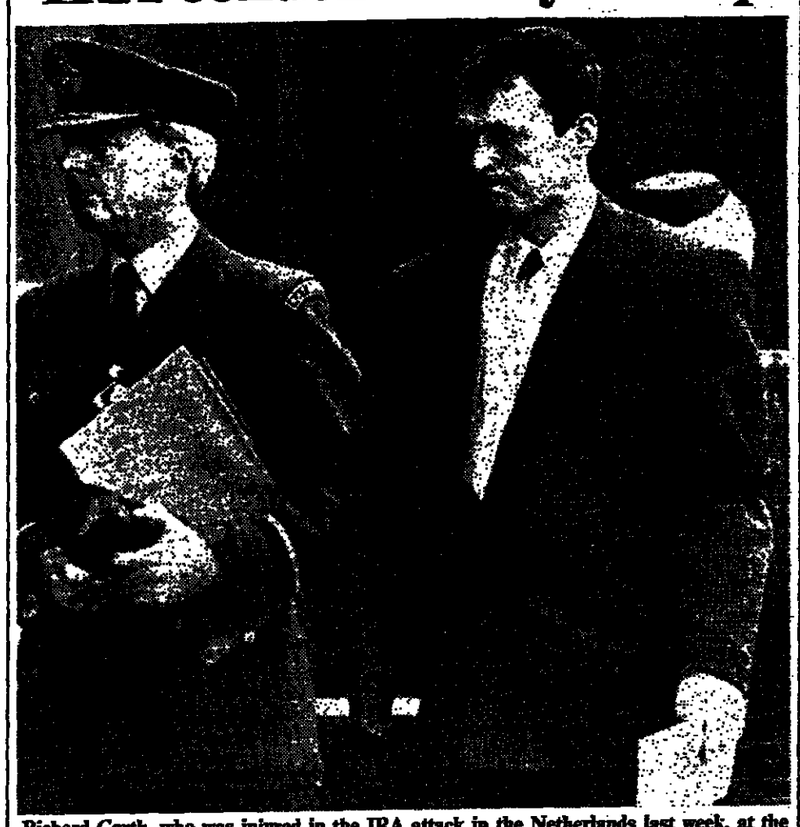
Mr Ellis immediately interpreted the vote as a vindication of his opposition to strike action. The union has been involved in four disputes during the past year and had balloted part of its membership six times on whether to take industrial action.

The vote means the Treasury will be able to achieve its aims of long-term pay settlements, which will inevitably include forms of regional and performance pay throughout Whitehall.

Mr Terry Adams, a Militant executive member, argued in favour of accepting that local pay additions were a *fait accompli* and that all grades in the union should receive the payments.

That was opposed by his allies in the Broad Left, the Socialist Workers' Party, which tabled a motion critical of in the executive for failing to ballot the members on all-out strike action immediately after the union's pay conference last December.

IRA condemned by bishop



Richard Garth, who was injured in the IRA attack in the Netherlands last week, at the funeral of his colleague Ian Shimner yesterday.

A Roman Catholic bishop yesterday condemned the "murderous tactics" of the IRA when he spoke at the funeral of one of the three young airmen murdered in The Netherlands eight days ago.

The Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Right Rev Joseph Gray, said there could be no justification for the "horrifying fashion" in which Senior Aircraftman Ian Shimner, aged 20, of Winsford, Cheshire, met his death at the hands of a terrorist assassin.

Senior Aircraftman Shimner died in a hail of bullets from a machine-gun as he was about to drive away from a public house in Roermond.

Dutch police yesterday offered a 100,000 guilders reward (about £28,000) for information leading to the arrest of the killers of the three British servicemen. It is the largest offered by police in The Netherlands, according to the National Police spokesman, Mr Louis Steens.

He said police investigating the bombing and shooting attacks on May 1 have interviewed more than 300 people but have no specific leads.

Moore is asking for £200m NHS cash

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, is still pressing for an extra £200 million for the National Health Service to avert another spate of ward closures later this year.

In spite of the money given for the generous pay rises for nurses last month, Mr Moore has told the Treasury that more money is needed now to avoid a repeat of last winter's politically embarrassing "crisis" when the Government had to make an emergency injection of £100 million.

Mr John Major, Chief Secretary of the Treasury, who has just agreed to find £750 million from the contingency reserve for the nurses' and doctors' pay awards, is yet to be convinced that another injection is necessary.

Treasury officials privately argue that because the health service crisis has lost its high profile, the Government can afford to wait till the next public expenditure round before increasing funding.

Yesterday both the Department of Health and Social Security and Downing Street officially dismissed reports that any extra money was on the table.

DHSS officials have publicly admitted that hospital services faced a shortfall of £95 million in 1987-88 because of overcommitting their budgets. They argue that unless the emergency injection is made recurrent and there is some compensation for the full year effect of the sum, there will be another outcry in the autumn.

Yesterday Whitehall sources denied that Mr Moore had been "bought off" by the pay award and said that he had been consistently pressing for extra funding during the past few months.

- An inter-departmental Government working party is examining proposals to give local authorities the leading role in providing community care for the old, infirm and mentally ill.

Sir Roy Griffiths, the Prime Minister's adviser on health, said that the working party is expected to report within the next few months, before the Prime Minister completes her review of the health service.

TV campaign starts to reduce Ulster job bias

A £100,000 advertising campaign to cut job discrimination against Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland was launched in Belfast yesterday.

The move by the Fair Employment Agency comes in the wake of discussions between the British and Irish governments in Dublin last week.

The programme of television advertising, which began last night, concentrates on the problems of "indirect discrimination". Mr Bob Cooper, Fair Employment chairman, said: "The obstacle towards achieving equal opportunity in jobs is now not deliberate discrimination by employers. But there is still a problem with employment practices which have an unintentional discriminatory impact."

Fair employment was discussed last week when Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, met ministers in Dublin.

Irish government sources said that a package to combat discrimination against Catholics had almost been finalized.

Conservative division on Scottish devolution

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Deep divisions among Conservatives over Scottish devolution and future government policy were exposed yesterday in conflicting prescriptions from the right and the left of the party.

A report by the Centre for Policy Studies, the think-tank founded jointly by the Prime Minister in the mid-1970s, urged ministers to reject even limited home rule and clip the wings of the Scottish Office.

However, a document from the Tory Reform Group gave a warning that the break-up of the United Kingdom could be the price of further Conservative failure in Scotland. It called for the removal of the "the stigma of supporting the able and strong at the expense of the weak".

The reports come after the Tory rebuff in district elections and on the eve of the party's Scottish conference at which former MPs and disaffected activists will be pressing the case for an assembly. The Conservatives slumped to third place behind the nationalists in the popular vote in Scottish council elections and lost 21 seats in their worst performance.

The Centre for Policy Studies report calls for a firm rejection of legislative devolution, an inquiry into the "haphazard" system by which more than 30 Whitehall powers have been transferred to the Scottish Office and the full extension of Thatcherite policies to Scotland as part of a process of "positive unionism".

The three authors, who include Mr Alistair Cooke, deputy director of the research department at Conservative Central Office, argue that the Scottish Office, should, at the very least, integrate responsibility for economic and industrial affairs into a free market nationwide approach.

They claim that the Tories have played into the hands of opponents by making a virtue of the fact that public spending in Scotland is 28 per cent higher than in England.

This had led to the marginalization of Scotland from national politics. After the loss of more than half of Scottish Tory MPs, it raised the spectre of "second-rate" government as an overloaded ministerial team at St Andrew's House, drawn from just 10 MPs, struggles to cope with many areas of responsibility.

Mr Malcolm MacKenzie, vice-chairman of the Tory Reform Group in Scotland, blames the right of the party for lumbering Toryism with a reputation as "materialistic, class-based and fundamentally selfish".

Making Unionism Positive (Liam Fox, Mark Mayall and Alistair Cooke; Centre for Policy Studies, 8 Wilfred Street, London SW1E 6PL; £2.95 inc p&p).

Scottish Toryism, Identity and Consciousness (Malcolm MacKenzie; Tory Reform Group, Gayfere House, 22/23 Gayfere Street, London SW1P 3HP; £5).

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British Airways pay deal

75 B-Cal pilots demoted after merger

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways has resolved a nine-month dispute over pilots' pay and conditions in a deal which includes the demotion of 75 captains.

The British Air Line Pilots Association has accepted a proposal which demotes the 75, former British Caledonian captains, to first officer and which also means that up to 800 British Airways co-pilots are paid less than their opposite numbers from British Caledonian.

British Airways knew that one of the main problems in the merger between the two airlines would be resolving the differences in conditions between pilots. The average British Airways pilot served about 17 years with the airline before being promoted to captain compared with 10 years or less for pilots with British Caledonian.

British Caledonian pilots were also paid up to £10,000 a year more than their counterparts in British Airways, with an average differential of around £5,000.

Under the complex deal the 2,500 pilots in the combined fleet are treated alike in seniority, which is why 75 British Caledonian captains will have to accept demotion.

Cutting their salary would be unfair, the association said, and British Airways agreed to pay those demoted a lump sum of between £5,000 and £6,000 for two years to "soften the blow". This means that although they are now co-pilots they are still getting more than someone with similar seniority who has always been with British Airways.

Those affected in British Airways put pressure on the association to win changes in the terms but were eventually convinced that it was the only fair way of solving the problem.

More than 200 direct entrants who joined British Airways with the promise that they would quickly advance are aggrieved because the influx of former British Caledonian staff means they will have to wait much longer.

Captain Mike Wallis, chairman of the pilots' association, said last night: "All the problems are now resolved as far as we are concerned. It is our assessment that the captains who have been demoted should be back in their own rank within three or four years and that, because of the growth in British Airways, hundreds more commands will become available leading to a general increase in promotion prospects for everyone."

All British Caledonian staff who moved to British Airways have been given a two-year cushion to cover 75 per cent of the drop in pay they would otherwise have had to face. A co-pilot earning around £25,000 a year, will be paid more than his exact counterpart in British Airways, at least for the time being.

The differences led at least one employee, believed to be a British Airways pilot, to write threatening letters, unsigned, to British Caledonian pilots. An investigation is under way to trace the culprit, who the pilots' association says should not be at the controls of an aeroplane.

Call for 'nuclear fault' report to be published

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Government has been asked as a matter of urgency to publish a report that discloses a design fault jeopardizing the safety of Britain's second generation of nuclear power stations.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, is expected to reply in the Commons on Thursday, to the request from Mr Matthew Taylor, SLD member for Truro.

The confidential report which shows a problem in advanced gas-cooled reactors (AGRs), was prepared in 1980 by Central Electricity Generating Board development engineers, after troubles at Hinkley Point B power station, Somerset.

Details of the document were disclosed at the weekend by the environmental pressure group, Friends of the Earth, which said they showed the problem could make Britain's 10 AGR reactors uneconomic.

The fault stops fuel being removed while the reactor is working. Modifications to Hinkley Point B allow fuel changes when the reactors are operating at a reduced level, but other AGR stations close down.

The CEGB admitted the existence of the fault yesterday but rejected allegations that it had been covered up.

Warning of 'saturated' Channel tunnel routes

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A warning that road and rail systems in south-east England may become saturated by traffic using the Channel tunnel was given yesterday at a London conference.

Mr Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, which from 1993 will own and operate the tunnel, said that the planned road and rail facilities would cope with the level of traffic in 1993 when the tunnel opens, but by the later 1990s, unless the railways were developed to take a lot of the growth in traffic, Kent and London would have to face the prospect of being "repeatedly devastated by motorway construction".

He proposed one or more rail routes, which need not be new, running between London and the tunnel which would be limited to international passenger express services, international express freight trains and non-stop or one-stop commuter trains.

At present British Rail is only committed to spending £550 million.

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Doctors say mercy killings inevitable after nuclear attack

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Mercy killings would be almost inevitable among casualties of a major nuclear attack, a British Medical Association report said yesterday. There would also have to be priorities to decide who should be helped and who should be left.

Although injured children would be a liability, as many as possible would be saved because denying them medical care would probably have "disastrous" effects on the morale of other survivors.

The elderly would have least hope of emergency treatment, while workers with essential skills to maintain basic services would get priority.

The report says: "We see no categorical solution to the problem of mercy killing of survivors who would otherwise experience great suffering followed by certain death".

If mercy killings were felt necessary, the role of doctors would be to identify those who would otherwise die in severe pain.

However, the report adds: "The ethical and legal assumption should continue to be that deliberate termination of human life is not permitted".

Young adults and children would be treated in preference to older people. Sufferers of long-standing or chronic illnesses, such as diabetics, epileptics and haemophiliacs would probably not have priority, because the drugs they needed would eventually run out.

No treatment should be given for radiation sickness alone, and burns or blast casualties should not be given priority for treatment if they had been exposed to radiation, the report says.

As many as 28 million people, about half the UK population, would be killed in a major nuclear attack, and another six million would be seriously injured.

The report is by a BMA working party, set up to examine the criteria for the selection of nuclear attack casualties for treatment.

"The plumber, the carpenter and the stone mason will have much more to offer after the bomb than the business executive, the Civil Servant, and even in some cases, the doctor", Professor James Payne, deputy chairman of the BMA board of science and education, said yesterday.

The report adds that doctors and nurses should not consider it a duty to risk their lives to help others in areas of high contamination.

Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA's professional division, emphasized that the report should not be interpreted as expressing any view of the politics of nuclear armament or disarmament.

However, a pressure group of doctors and health professionals, the Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons, said later: "This is a profoundly depressing report and we urge all health care workers to put their energies into preventing nuclear war by promoting nuclear disarmament."

Selection of Casualties For Treatment After Nuclear Attack (British Medical Association, PO Box 295, London WC1H 9TE; £4.95 for BMA members, £5.95 for non members).

Double image for the Mallard



The Mallard, which made a record 126 mph in 1938, leaving Marylebone station yesterday, carrying huge "Mallard" stamps to mark the issue of four new stamps on a transport theme. (Photograph: Graham Wood). Post pledge, page 5

Portfolio Gold

Holiday boost for winners

Two of the three winners of the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 are planning to spend their money on better than planned summer holidays.

Mrs Alma Hancock, aged 63, a housewife, of Phyllis Avenue, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, said she would probably put her share of £1,333 towards having a longer holiday with her husband.

Also planning a holiday is Mr John Woodstock, aged 50, a salesman, of Briar Way, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

The third winner, Mrs Susan Dickinson, a housewife, of Maylings Farm Road, Fareham, Hampshire, plans to use her share to buy luxury items after honouring a promise to her son, Scott, aged eight, to buy him a Lego set.



Mrs Susan Dickinson, who will buy luxuries.

Harty concern

The condition of Russell Harty, the broadcaster, worsened yesterday, after improving overnight, as he continued his battle against hepatitis B and acute liver failure, according to St James' University Hospital, Leeds.

£1m jackpot 'won by fraud'

A grandmother fraudulently won £1 million in a bingo competition run by *The Sun*, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Peter Openshaw, for the prosecution, said at Preston Crown Court that the jackpot win was part of a plot to swindle the newspaper. However, those involved were unprepared for such a big win.

He said that in 1981, News Group Newspapers, publishers of *The Sun*, had decided to run a series of bingo competitions in a campaign to increase circulation.

Twenty-five million losing cards were printed, together with a few thousand winning cards by Hamilton Publications Ltd, of Burnley.

The man entrusted with the task, Arthur John Sagar, aged 45, a printer, has admitted a series of charges and will be sentenced later.

Mrs Phyllis Hanlon, aged 74, of Queen's Promenade, Blackpool, who claimed the winning card, Mrs Mary Young, aged 44, of the Dog and Doublet public house, Sandon, Staffordshire, and her mother, Mrs Margaret Warde, aged 75, of Lodge Croft, Sandon, have denied conspiracy.

Mrs Hanlon's son-in-law, Mr Kenneth Fairbrother, aged 50, of Queen's Promenade, Blackpool, and Mr John Stewart Marshall, aged 33, and his wife, Susan, aged 38, of Harcourt Road, Blackburn, have pleaded guilty.

Mr Openshaw alleged that Mrs Young, the landlady of the public house next to the printing works in Trafalgar Square, Burnley, and her mother, had persuaded Sagar to steal some winning cards.

In August 1982, she won £10,000 and gave Sagar £100. In the next six months, Mrs Warde's late husband won £20,000 and her daughter won £10,000. Mr Openshaw said the odds against three members of the same family winning were astronomical.

The court was told that in August 1985 Mr and Mrs Marshall took over from Mrs Young as licensee. Sagar, of St Matthew's Street, Burnley, had given stolen tickets to the Marshalls and told them that nominees would be needed to claim on their behalf.

Sagar had later gone to Benidorm, Spain, on holiday and met Fairbrother, a bar keeper, who sent Mrs Hanlon some cards.

When the Marshalls got a full house in September 1984, Mrs Hanlon was approached and agreed to claim on their behalf. The shared £40,000 win entitled her to enter a competition for £1 million.

She and other winners were invited to lunch with Mr Michael Aspel, the television personality, at the Hilton Hotel, London. Each was presented with a key to a box, one of which contained a cheque for £1 million. Mrs Hanlon had won the cash.

The trial continues today.

Videophones arrive on the desk-top

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

The world's first desk-top videophone, enabling callers to talk and see each other on colour television screens, is to be unveiled today at an international exhibition in Birmingham.

Developed by Vistacom, a Finnish company, the videophone has a six-inch colour screen carrying pictures taken with a small camera built into the unit.

Its development has been made possible by new techniques for cramming information into signals travelling along telephone lines. Called data compression algorithms, they permit transmission of moving pictures that would otherwise take up more than 1,000 telephone lines.

Earlier attempts to build commercially viable videophones have been thwarted by the bulky and expensive electronic equipment needed.

The technical breakthrough made by the company has enabled low-cost, standard electronic components to be used and all the data processing required takes place within the desk-top unit.

The unit costs about £8,500, compared with about £30,000 for videophones currently being made by specialist manufacturers. The price of calls will be about the same as on conventional telephones.

It can be connected directly to the digital telephone networks being installed by many countries, including the UK.

Brangwyn art collection

Galleries snubbed by owner

By Ruth Gledhill

A valuable art collection will not be given to the nation because museums and galleries would "lock it away forever", the owner said last night.

Mr Rodney Brangwyn, great nephew of Sir Frank Brangwyn, has reversed his decision to donate part of his collection to the nation after visits to museums and galleries which already own some of his great uncle's work.

Fewer than 10 per cent of the pictures Sir Frank gave away in the last 20 years of his life were on display. Most were in store rooms and boxes, and had not been seen by the public for years. Sir Frank died in 1956.

Mr Brangwyn, of Kensington, west London, has many works by his great uncle, some of which were left to him by his father and some of which he bought.

"My great uncle gave away his best stuff to museums and galleries, not knowing what would happen to it", Mr Brangwyn said.

Mr Brangwyn tried to see his great uncle's oil painting "The Poulterer's Shop", acquired by the Tate Gallery in 1916. "They stopped exhibiting it in 1939 and it has not been seen since. It was pinned behind a stack in the store and could not be reached. I was unable to see it."

He has had to make appointments to see other unexhibited pictures at the City of Leeds' art gallery and at the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff.

Sir Frank was the most fashionable artist of his time. His paintings are in a bold imperialist style and were often used for murals. The Brangwyn Hall in Swansea is named after him.

Now, many of his contemporaries, such as Sickert and Munnings, are better known. A Brangwyn oil painting recently sold at Christie's for £17,500 and a water colour for £3,000.

Mr Brangwyn's decision to sell his collection rather than give it away comes after a report by the National Audit Office which highlighted the fact that hundreds of damaged paintings, tapestries and books were hidden away in overcrowded museum and gallery store rooms.

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Clore daughter named benefactor of the year

By Patrick O'Hanlon



Mrs Vivien Duffield: £6 m gift financed Turner gallery.

Mrs Vivien Duffield, daughter of the financier and philanthropist Sir Charles Clore, was yesterday named benefactor of the year by the National Art Collections Fund.

Her gift of £6 million from the Clore Foundation in 1980 made possible the building of the Clore Gallery at the Tate.

The gallery houses the Turner bequest and was completed last year. Sir Charles, who died in 1979, was a patron and a benefactor of the Tate and an admirer of Turner's works.

Mrs Duffield's personal intervention and generosity also enabled the Tate last year to acquire Constable's "The Opening of Waterloo Bridge".

"Our museums and galleries need more benefactors of the stature of Vivien Duffield", Sir Peter Wakefield, director of the fund, said.

The award was inaugurated last year. Mrs Duffield said she was delighted with the award of the fund's Minerva Medal.

Portrait of a golfer

Change of order at the 19th

By Andrew Longmore

The average British golfer is changing in shape and habit, according to a survey by *Golf World* magazine. No longer is he the overweight business executive spending a minimum of his time on the course and the maximum in the bar.

The modern golfer, of which there are 1.5 million in Britain, is as likely to be a butcher as a businessman, and more likely to be drinking orange juice than gin and tonic if he is not too busy polishing up his putting.

He is likely to be a non-smoker, have a credit card in the back pocket of his golf slacks, and will in all probability be trying to copy the mannerisms, if not the technique, of Seve Ballesteros. If he lives north of Watford, he is more likely to belong to a golf club because the subcriptions are cheaper,

If golf mirrors society, then we live in an age of egalitarianism, according to the survey, which, *Golf World* claims, is the most comprehensive carried out covering a single sport.

"A lot of people from social grade AB play golf, but what the survey has shown is that you are as likely to get a yuppie next to the local taxi driver as they queue up at the local public course", Mr John Robertson, the magazine's editor says.

He said that the change had come about in recent years, probably because of the growing success of British golfers like Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo and the influence of European players.

Among the facts to emerge from the survey, based on a sample of 4,000 replies to a questionnaire included in the magazine, was that the average worker was likely to play more often than the the company executive or those in the professions; that golfers spend about £540 on clubs, green fees, balls and clothing in addition to the money spent on club subscriptions and that 83 per cent belong to a club.

The full survey, prepared for *Golf World* by the British Market Research Bureau, comes to more than 600 pages



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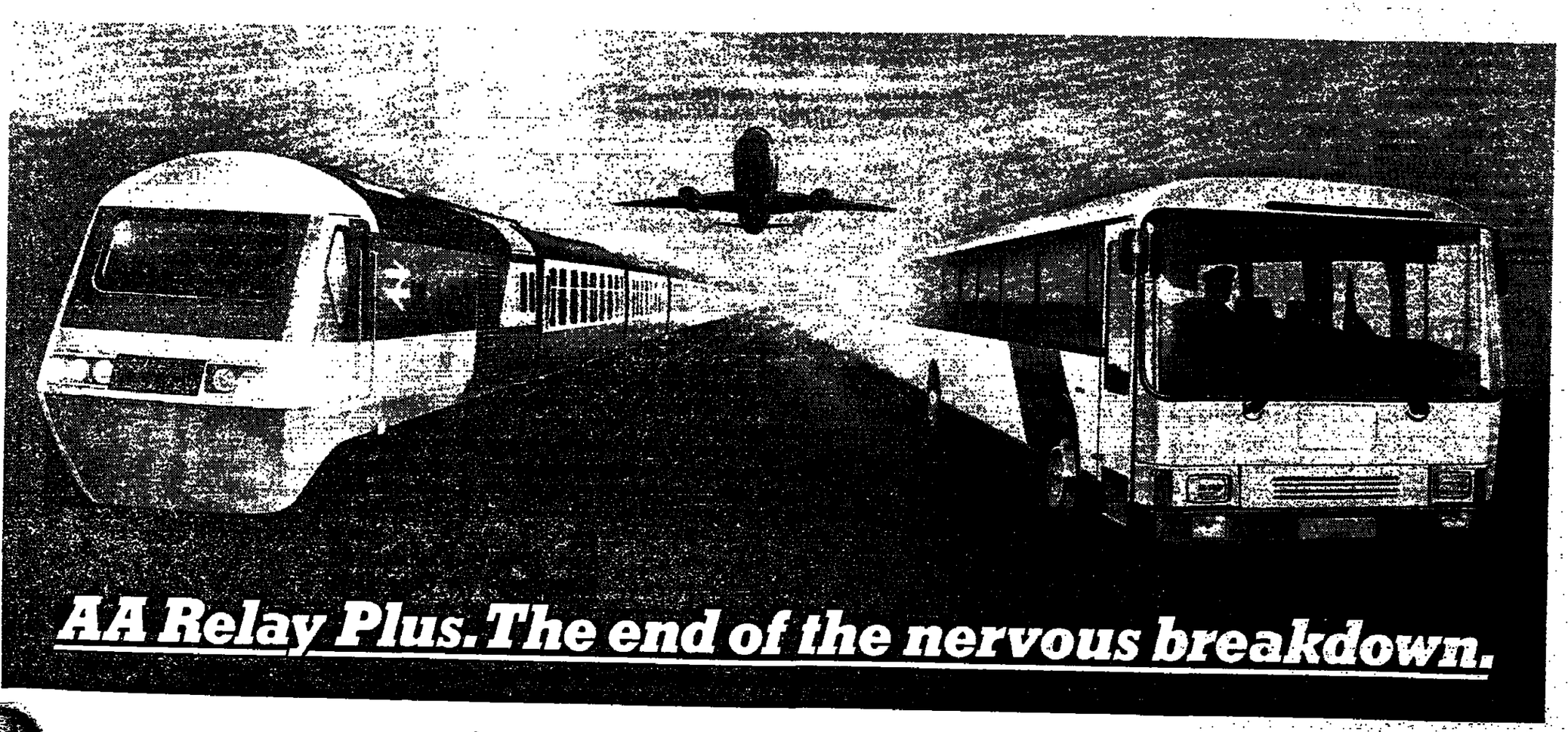
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Internal market 'will propel Europe on to the blustery world stage'

Ending of all trade barriers would save £140bn

By Michael Dynes



Complete and effective implementation of the EEC's White Paper programme to eliminate all trade barriers by 1992 will save the European business community an estimated £140 billion, the equivalent of 5 per cent of Europe's gross national product, according to a report published yesterday by the European Commission.

The report, *The European Challenge 1992: The Benefits of a Single Market*, is the first to quantify the cost of Europe's protectionist public procurement policies and conflicting national product standards. It was launched in London by Lord Cockfield, Britain's senior European Commissioner.

The report, directed by Mr Paolo Cecchini, a special adviser to the EEC, is based on a survey of 11,000 European companies, conducted by 15 companies of consultants, academics, economists and EEC personnel.

The authors say that the unprecedented two-year study has produced "a vivid picture of the mosaic of non-tariff barriers which, 30 years after the Community's birth, continue to mock the term 'common market'."

In addition to demonstrating the cost of maintaining 12 separate markets, it highlights opportunities for economic growth, job creation, reduced costs, improved productivity, increased competition, professional and business mobility and consumer choice.

The authors say that if the internal market programme is successfully implemented, "it will propel Europe on to the blustery world stage of the 1990s in a position of competitive strength, and on an upward trajectory of economic growth lasting into the next century".

The report says: "The progressive impact of EEC market integration, could, in the space of a few years, put between four and seven percentage points on the Community's domestic product. This vista is not a tantalizing chimera. On the contrary, it is a firm prospect."

Lord Cockfield, in a foreword, says: "Now we have the hard evidence, the confirmation of what those who are engaged in building Europe have always known: that the failure to achieve a single market has been costing European industry millions in unnecessary costs and opportunities".

The report examines EEC market fragmentation in 13 areas, including customs formalities, technical regulations, financial services, public procurement, business services, foodstuffs and the telecommunications industry. It finds:

- Customs-related costs, identified as the main concern of businessmen, absorb about 25 per cent of many company profits:
- Integration of European markets for telecommunication services and equipment will produce savings of about £4 billion;
- Market fragmentation in financial sectors, such as banking, insurance and investment, have cost an estimated £14.3 billion:
- Removal of trade barriers in the business services sector, including management consultancy, public relations and advertising, will eventually produce savings of more than £6 billion;
- Demand for cars could increase by 500,000 as a result of falling prices which would follow the removal of technical barriers:
- Savings of up to £1.1 billion would accrue to the construction industry as a result of the market integration programme.
- Food companies, geared to servicing national markets fragmented by non-tariff barriers such as packaging, labelling and ingredient laws, remain vulnerable to American domination.

The report says abolition of trade barriers, "will trigger a supply-side shock to the Community economy as a whole. "Costs will come down. Prices will follow as business, under pressure of new rivals on previously-protected markets, is forced to develop fresh responses to a novel and permanently changing situation. Ever present competition will ensure the completion of a self-sustaining virtuous circle."

The European Challenge 1992: The Benefits of a Single Market (Wildwood House: £6.95).

Public purchasing warning, page 27

Crown immunity from prosecution over food hygiene standards should be abolished with the introduction of the single European market in 1992, the Co-operative Union said yesterday.

The movement, which is Britain's biggest retailer with more than eight million consumers, wants stringent regulations on food hygiene to cover the whole of the European Community. By standardizing hygiene in every part of the food chain, the immunity now granted to British hospitals and other government buildings would be superseded by the new legislation.

The Co-op believes that with greater freedom of movement of food throughout the 12 member states there would be an increased threat of food poisoning.

Mr Richard Balfe, a member of the European Parliament, said on behalf of the Co-Op yesterday: "When the present trade barriers are removed many of the current checks on food moving between countries will disappear. Britain, with Denmark, West Germany and The Netherlands, is fortunate in having a high standard of environmental health protection but the vital area of food hygiene is being treated in a piecemeal and haphazard fashion."

Scottish Office criticized over spread of Aids

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Scottish Office has done little to act on a government report urging controls in Scotland to stop the spread of Aids among drug addicts, the Commons social services committee said yesterday.

The report by the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD), published by the Department of Health and Social Security in March, found that up to half of all drug users in some parts of Scotland, particularly Edinburgh, were Aids carriers.

It said the authorities were "ill-equipped" to combat the spread of the disease.

The council recommended the provision of sterile injecting equipment, the prescription of substitute, non-injectable drugs, psychiatric help, including the appointment of full-time consultant psychiatrists in Glasgow and Edinburgh, and the creation of drug crisis intervention units.

Mr Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead and chairman of the Commons committee, which inquired into Aids last year, said: "We can find practically no evidence that the Scottish Office has taken any action on the report." The committee has written to Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Mr Field said: "You could never deduce from the complacency of the Scottish Office that Scotland stands on the edge of the abyss. Mr Rifkind has been lulled into a false sense of security by his officials."

In their letter to Mr Rifkind, the MPs quote Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, who told the Commons the report "does not give an entirely balanced assessment of the situation in Scotland, nor does it take into account the different historical background to the drugs problem here".

Mr Forsyth said yesterday: "We are well aware of the dangers of Aids and drug misuse in Scotland and have made this plain on many occasions, including the statement which I made when the ACMD report was published on March 29." Urgent steps had been taken to provide additional funds for local services and a big education programme.

The Commons committee is preparing a report on the spread of Aids among addicts. It has asked the ACDM to participate.

- The spread of Aids is not slowing, in spite of a relatively small increase in cases last month, the DHSS said yesterday. Another 34 people contracted the disease, bringing the total to 1,463, and 57 died.

Futuristic ferry to skim roughest seas



Mark Pridie (top), a captain of supply vessels in the offshore oil industry, with the Ilan Voyager, a prototype trimaran ferry, and the team which is building it in Bristol, yesterday. Helicopters are used at present when the sea is too rough for conventional craft to carry personnel out to rigs. However, the operating costs are enormous. The Ilan Voyager's unique construction should cut costs and almost eliminate sea-sickness. The ferry was designed from Mr Pridie's idea by Nigel Irens, one of the world's top catamaran and trimaran architects. It is his first venture into commercial shipping. Mr Irens said: "We've produced a hull that will be comfortable in the worst conditions, coupled with a very low fuel consumption because of its extremely low drag". At full-size the Ilan Voyager will be 160ft from bow to stern and will carry about 80 passengers in aircraft-style accommodation. Besides the oil industry the designers are already attracting inquiries from countries such as Indonesia and Polynesia, where efficient transport between islands is essential. "By staying away from a high-tech construction and propulsion it should find a market in the Third World where a helicoptor and even a hydrofoil are too exotic in terms of maintenance and running costs", Mr Irens said. The Ilan should attain a top speed of about 35mph from a small truck engine.

(Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Scotland will teach French in France

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

French schoolchildren will soon receive French lessons in their classrooms beamed by satellite from Scotland.

The idea may sound extraordinary but it will happen next year when Europe's first satellite education service begins direct broadcasting to schools, universities and teaching hospitals across 10 EEC countries.

Advanced French language courses transmitted to the rest of Europe from a new modern languages teaching centre at Glasgow University will be one of five projects arranged by a new organization called Sat-Ecosse, Satellite Education Out of Scotland Serving Europe. The satellite channel is being given by the European Space Agency next year.

The Scottish programmes will occupy 3 per cent of the "free air time" of nine hours a day offered by the space agency to encourage educationists to experiment with the new aid for distance learning.

All the Scottish projects involve language learning. A series of programmes on medical English is being prepared by the Institute for Applied Language Studies in Edinburgh and a series on English for professional and business services is being devised at Edinburgh University and Stevenson College.

"Interactive video magazines" will link schools in Scotland and France. Groups of schools there will be responsible for a four-week series covering current affairs, literature and arts in their countries.

When the European Space Agency offered one channel on Olympus for the education experiment, the first people to take up the offer were members of Sat-Ecosse, formed two years ago by the late Dr Bill McDowall, director of Edinburgh University's language centre, and Dr Jim Coleman, of Glasgow University's French department.

Dr Coleman said yesterday: "Offering to teach French to the French may sound a bit of a cheek. In fact, Glasgow University is a recognized centre of excellence for the teaching of modern languages."

The satellite education experiment extends measures introduced by the EEC to encourage students to study outside their own country.

New town assets sell well above target

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Property and land was sold for £216 million last year by the Commission for New Towns, half as much again as the target set by the Government.

The commission was formed to take over, and dispose, of the assets of new towns from their development corporations. Since 1979 it has raised £900 million.

Sir Neil Shields, commission chairman, announces the results today. The sales programme, involving 13 new towns in the South-east, Midlands and North-west, has "returned to the Government a sum substantially in excess of moneys raised through the flotation of some state-owned companies".

The disposal programme is accelerating, Sir Neil says. If the market remains buoyant the commission hopes to sell £300 million of assets this financial year. The commission still has a portfolio estimated at about £1 billion, and it has four more new towns to take over. They are Peterborough, which will be taken over in October; Warrington/Runcorn, Cheshire, next year; Telford, Shropshire, in 1991; and Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, in 1992.

A substantial number of the commission's deals in 1987-88 were with existing tenants, in line with its policy of giving them the first option on a sale. Recent sales include Ipsley Court offices, in Redditch, West Midlands, to the Law Society and a large factory in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, bought by the Japanese firm, Sanko Gosei, makers of plastic mouldings. One of the main sales during the year was Basildon town centre, Essex, including shops and offices, which Norwich Union bought for £21 million.

Sir Neil says the commission's success was because of a big marketing drive, the continuing buoyancy of the economy and the increasing attractiveness of the holdings. "It also demonstrates increasing interest in our Midlands and north-west portfolio."

Survey on pay discloses the big earners among private practice assistants

Junior solicitors earn more from criminal work

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Committal proceedings should be abolished and replaced with a formal "paper" procedure by which cases would be transferred to the crown court without a hearing and within statutory time limits, the Criminal Bar Association says today.

In a paper to the Lord Chancellor, the first in a series proposing reforms to the criminal justice system, the association says present arrangements can be "inefficient, unfair and open to abuse". It adds: "Committal proceedings are an unnecessary clog on court time and an ineffective way of weeding out the defective case before it reaches the crown court."

Committal proceedings should be replaced by a "transfer" system. Cases to be tried on indictment would be transferred to the crown court by a formal paper process without a court hearing. At present the committal system can break down either because the magistrate is reluctant to decide that there is no case to answer, or through the unwillingness of the defence to disclose its case to the prosecution at an early stage of what could be a long trial, the association says.

It calls for statutory time limits for the transfers to be imposed by the Home Secretary to cut delays.

If there are submissions by the defence that there is no case to answer, they would be made to a crown court judge after transfer. Magistrates' courts would continue to deal with bail and legal aid.

Under the new system, each side would still retain the right to require oral evidence to be taken before trial.

Junior solicitors in some firms handling criminal legal aid are being paid more than those in any other field of legal work, it is disclosed today.

A survey, believed to be the first undertaken of assistant, or non-partner, solicitors in private practice, shows criminal work is better paid for junior solicitors in the London suburbs and in Wales than conveyancing or company and commercial work.

It also confirms there is a big gap between the earnings of City lawyers in company and commercial work and the general or family law practitioner out of central London.

Married women's earnings are substantially lower than those of single women solicitors.

An assistant solicitor in the London suburbs specializing in crime earns an average of £17,202 compared with £17,002 for conveyancing work. In Wales the figures are £14,668 and £13,350.

The average salary of an assistant in the City is £27,400, in the West End of London it is £21,300 to £22,490. In the London suburbs the average drops to £16,830; to £14,560 in the Midlands; to £14,130 in the North-east; and to £13,070 in Wales.

The survey was by Chambers and Partners, the London legal recruitment agency using a random sample of 2,330 assistant solicitors in private practice.

Mr Michael Chambers, owner of the firm, said: "What seems to emerge is that it is not profitable for a firm to do a small amount of crime, and have a solicitor waiting in court just to handle one case. But if a firm specializes exclusively in this field and processes large numbers of cases, then crime can be quite profitable."

Mostly, it is company and commercial lawyers who earn the biggest salaries. The average for juniors in England and Wales is £21,700.

They are ahead of tax lawyers by about £3,000. Tax lawyers are ahead of conveyancers by about £1,500. conveyancers lead litigators by about £1,000 and litigators are ahead of criminal lawyers and private client, probate and trust lawyers by about £1,000. At the bottom of the league, by a margin of £1,200, are general and matrimonial practitioners.

Married women who are full-time solicitors earn on average 11 per cent less than single women. Among women with between seven and 20 years' experience the difference is 22 per cent.

One reason was thought to be the areas of work chosen by married women, Mr Chambers said. "It seems they go for regular hours of work: fields such as probate and conveyancing, rather than litigation."

A survey of assistant solicitors in England and Wales: Salaries and career patterns (Chambers and Partners, 74 Long Lane, London EC1A 9ET: free).

Sub-postmasters fear 'persecution'

By Mark Ellis

Sub-postmasters who have been robbed are being persecuted by the Post Office, their federation said yesterday. The Post Office is trying to blame them for security breaches and making unreasonable demands for contributions to make up losses, it was alleged.

Britain's 19,000 sub-postmasters faced a disturbing increase in cases of firearms being used on raids and then were subjected to "unwarranted, vicious persecution and victimization" by the Post Office Mr Bernard Jay, president of the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters, told its annual conference.

One sub-postmaster told *The Times* he feared he would have to sell his home after the Post Office demanded repayment of "tens of thousands of pounds" stolen during a raid in which ammonia was squirted into the face of his father.

Mr Brian Atkins, aged 57, had installed armour-plated glass at his sub-post office and pharmacy in Raby Street in central Newcastle upon Tyne. Two weeks before the robbery police approved the security measures and warned Mr Atkins and his staff not to tackle robbers.

"The glass cost me hundreds but I was sick and tired of break-ins and vandalism".

"I was told you would not get a tank through it, but it was smashed by a four-man gang. They cleared us out of everything.

"Shortly after, the Post Office said the 'overall security left a lot to be desired' and demanded I made up the loss."

The Post Office dropped its demands over the raid two years ago, but Mr Atkins was incensed by its handling of the matter.

The federation conference, in Torquay, was told there were 183 raids on sub-post offices last year. Mr Jay said: "It seems the district managers' policy is that unless there are signs of blood, or blood running down the face of the sub-postmaster or any of his staff, then they are at fault and the Post Office demands a contribution to the loss of monies."

The Post Office said the criticism was unfair. Its first concern was for the safety and security of staff. District managers were made aware of the need to be sensitive and caring when dealing with robbery victims.

Gulls desert traditional egg hunters

By Kerry Gill

Gulls which for generations have provided an annual egg harvest for people on a remote Scottish moor have mysteriously disappeared.

The herring and black-backed gulls usually return to the traditional nesting site on Flanders Moss, near Thornhill, central Scotland, on the first weekend in May.

Villagers race to be among the first to collect the eggs, which are regarded as a delicacy in cities. Those who arrive late usually miss out.

Mr Roger Beard, regional conservation officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said the disappearance was likely to be caused by changes in agriculture or forestry.

The gulls are regarded as a pest by farmers. However, Mr David Dick, of the society, said it was illegal to collect the eggs without permission. Hunters might have to prove it was a traditional pastime.

Church treasures controversy

Rysbrack bust may be sold

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A Northampton church is expected to sell a terracotta bust by the eighteenth century sculptor, Michael Rysbrack (1694 to 1770), to raise funds.

It will be the first working model of an important work by Rysbrack to come on the market, and the move comes amid a continuing controversy whether the Church of England should be allowed to sell its treasures.

The subject of the sculpture, which is modestly estimated at £150,000, is John Palmer, rector of Ecton from 1631 to 1672, and archdeacon of Northampton from 1665.

From 1721 until last December, it stood in the entrance hall of Ecton House, once the rectory of the Northampton parish and now a centre for spiritual retreats. The finished marble bust is attached to Palmer's tomb in Ecton church, and will remain in situ.

The Peterborough Diocesan Parsonages Board has obtained the necessary consents from the parochial church council, Church Commissioners, and others, and the model is due to be sold at Christie's in December. The proceeds will go towards buying a new parsonage for Ecton.

The Rev Trevor Willmott, warden of Ecton House, said yesterday: "I think we are totally justified in selling it". He described the bust as "in Cavalier style with long flowing locks, and skull cap — a very fine face".

Mr Charles Avery, of Christie's, said the sculpture was beautifully made. "As it is the original terracotta model, it is closer to the artist's hand than the marble."

The London church of St Martin-in-the-Fields was criticized for selling its bust of Thomas Gibbs, also by Rysbrack, earlier this year.

Humble Victorian envelopes improved by their senders by entertaining drawings and water colours were in great demand at Sotheby's yesterday.

A series of 20 such, illustrated with witty pen and ink sketches of removal men, railway porters and policemen, their address ingeniously fitted on to boxes, seats and the like, were sold for £4,840 (10 times over estimate) to an Italian collector.

They had been sent between 1893 and 1894 by an anonymous admirer in Blackpool to a Miss Fowler, possibly a music hall artiste.

Christie's art nouveau sale in Geneva on Sunday totalled £752,000, with 30 per cent unsold. An amethyst-coloured car mascot in the shape of an eagle's head fetched the top price at £25,385, twice the estimate.

Widow leaves record £2.76m to the RSPCA

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been left more than £2.76 million by an elderly widow who did not even belong to the charity. The bequest is more than £1 million higher than any previously received by the RSPCA.

It came from the estate of Mrs Dorothy Rose Walker, of Kings Road, Richmond, Surrey. She died last December, leaving the society £2,767,752.

All that the RSPCA knows about Mrs Walker is that she was the widow of a Richmond property owner who had no surviving relatives and whose only obvious sign of her secret love for animals was her pet cat. That is to be cared for by the RSPCA.

Recent large bequests to animal charities have included £3 million from Miss Amy Bell, a recluse who died last year in London.

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Post Office promises faster letter deliveries

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Mr Bill Cockburn, the man responsible for getting 51 million letters a day delivered in time, promised a new era of efficiency yesterday when he outlined the final phases of a £38 million investment in the Royal Mail.

The managing director of letters at the Post Office chose the 150th anniversary of railway travelling post offices (TPO) to give details of improvements to the system which, he said, would ensure that more than 90 per cent of first class letters would reach their destinations next day.

Last year the Post Office spent £18 million on letter delivery. The next phase, from May 16 to October, will cost £20 million.

After a review of the letter delivery network, the Post Office is reorganizing its overnight travelling sorting offices to speed the process. Several new links have been introduced — one, from the South-east to the North bypasses London — and improvements have been made to existing ones.

Other travelling services, made up of 37 trains with 650 staff on aboard, will run later to allow mail posted too late to link with road, rail and air connections to be handled for delivery next day.

Mr Cockburn said that as a consequence of the reorganization, 40 million items a day should be speeded up.

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Whitehall relief at end of protocol nightmare

France reverts to single voice

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The death of the Chirac-Mitterrand *cohabitation* looks like being entirely painless for the Anglo-French relationship, in spite of the high probability that M Jacques Chirac's mantle will pass to a Socialist.

British relief at being able to deal with a French Government speaking with a single voice will entirely outweigh any preference the Government may have had for M Chirac's policies. For the past two years, Mrs Thatcher has had to consult both the President and the Prime Minister on all main issues without ever being able to a take for granted a consistent line.

Although she hid any irritation, Mrs Thatcher cannot have been happy with the farcical revolving-door diplomacy at 10 Downing Street which stemmed from it. At the last Anglo-French summit in London in January she tried hard to avoid offending either man while seeing them in the correct protocol order.

They arrived, as always, in separate aircraft and used different cars, but, because of a hitch, M Chirac was kept waiting. When he was ushered in, for a meeting which proved somewhat fractious, M Mitterrand had to be packed off to the Royal Academy for an hour.

M Chirac's Government proved more enthusiastic about Anglo-French military co-operation than its Socialist predecessor, but his removal will not necessarily reverse the trend. The Government feels comfortable with M Mitterrand's instincts on defence, as he supports the need to retain independent and modernized nuclear deterrents in both countries.

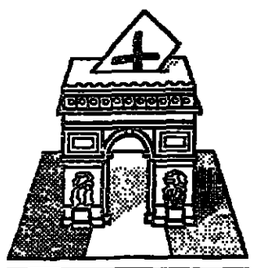
President Mitterrand's emphasis on giving priority to conventional disarmament in Europe is not too different from Mrs Thatcher's view that conventional and chemical weapons must be reduced or balanced before there is further talk of eliminating tactical nuclear weapons.

The British Government's long-term hope that France might rejoin the integrated military structure of Nato will not be realized under M Mitterrand. But then, it would almost as certainly have been a non-starter under M Chirac.

President Mitterrand's views on negotiations with governments capable of influencing hostage-takers are seen as being too close to those of M Chirac's for comfort. But it was M Chirac, not M Mitterrand, who did the deals which upset the British Government, even if it was cautious about voicing criticism.

In British eyes the French have become much more realistic in their attitude to EEC spending in recent years, but this is not likely to be affected by the election result.

On other issues, the British Government will be reassured



THE FINAL VOTE
French presidential run-off

	Votes	%
Mitterrand	16,710,723	54.02
Chirac	14,221,682	45.97

Turnout: 84.1%.

by M Mitterrand's central policy objective of bridging the ideological divide and seeking consensus. The discreet overtures already made by centre-right figures like M Raymond Barre and M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has given the impression in London that President Mitterrand could succeed in commanding the political centre.

His declaration that he will not reverse the privatization programme carried through by M Chirac is seen as a particularly encouraging sign.

● **WELLINGTON:** New Zealand yesterday formally protested to France over the early repatriation of the Rainbow Warrior saboteurs and sought their return to exile on the South Pacific atoll of Hao (Richard Long writes).

Mr Russell Marshall, the Foreign Affairs Minister, announced the protest in a statement which also congratulated President Mitterrand on his re-election.

Mr Marshall said he trusted that the new French Government would honour the ruling by the United Nations Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, and return the agents to serve out their three years in exile.

Failing this, Mr Marshall indicated New Zealand would seek an arbitration tribunal hearing, provided for in the July 1986 agreement which released the agents into French custody on Hao.

Major Alain Mafart and Captain Dominique Prieur, members of the French secret service, the DGSE, were sentenced to 10 years in jail in New Zealand for their part in the July 1985 bombing of the Greenpeace protest ship and the death of a crew member.

France agreed to keep the pair in exile for three years from the time of the July 1986 agreement, but Major Mafart was repatriated to Paris last December, with an unspecified stomach complaint, and Captain Prieur was taken home to a hero's welcome on the eve of the presidential election.

Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said yesterday that initially Paris wanted the transfer of Captain Prieur on Tuesday on the ground of pregnancy, but by Thursday she had to leave immediately as her father had only 48 hours to live.

It was, he said, extraordinary how Paris seemed to know in advance that someone was to die within 48 hours when there had been no previous indication of this.

● **PARIS:** With uncanny precision as polling stations closed in the presidential elections, the BVA market research group came out with predictions on voting percentages which have absolutely reflected the final totals.

The chairman of BVA Opinion Polls, M Michel Brulé, said yesterday that their accuracy was a mixture of hard work and good fortune. The hard work entailed exit polls at 150 polling stations all over the country.

The good fortune was that in small towns polling stations closed at 6pm, in larger towns at 7pm, and only in Paris at 8pm when those first predictions are flashed with great fanfare on television screens.

M Brulé's opinion polls show that 61 per cent of those questioned feel that M Mitterrand should now call general elections to give him the Socialist Party backing he needs. Further opinion polls show that the socialists could get 38 per cent of the legislative vote — enough to give them a majority.

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Charting winning steps to the Elysée

In the first round of presidential election voting, 52 of France's 96 departments gave the three candidates of the right more than half the votes. The second-round voting pattern is surprisingly different.

All that is left of the white areas on the map are a few patches: four in the north-west, three in and around Paris, one in the north-east and 11 in the south-west. This is a total of 19 departments. A look at second-round voting in the principal towns gives an idea as to why this switch took place and of the role played by M Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front.

● 1: Strasbourg (Alsace) — In Strasbourg itself M Jacques Chirac managed to squeak through with 50.13 per cent of the vote, while in other towns in the region M François Mitterrand overtook him. The comfortable first-round right-wing majority was largely due to M Le Pen gaining over 20 per cent of the vote, and it was his voters who must in the second round have deserted the right under M Chirac to vote for M Mitterrand, so changing the political landscape.

● 2 Metz (Lorraine) — Metz in the Moselle region is a traditionally right-wing town which has now seen its voting practices turned upside-down. The high first-round Le Pen vote was principally a protest in a high unemployment area where people feel they are overlooked. The second-round regional vote gave M Mitterrand the same high percentage as scored by General de Gaulle in 1965.

● 3 Lille (Nord Pas-de-Calais) — Traditionally left-wing with important Communist strongholds in the region, M Mitterrand scored above the national average in Lille, with 57.36 per cent of the vote. His second-round score remains high even in the areas where the National Front took over 20 per cent of the vote in the first round. The low first-round Communist vote shows that many traditional communists rebelled and voted National Front but reverted to the left for the run-off.

● 4 Rennes (Brittany) — Here M Mitterrand confirmed his good first-round results with help from National Front voters and also those who voted centre-right French Democratic Union party the first time around. M Chirac's military operation to free the hostages in New Caledonia counted against him. And even in Corps-Nuds, the home town of one of the freed hostage held in Lebanon, M Jean-Paul Kauffmann, M Chirac gained only 39.1 per cent of the vote.

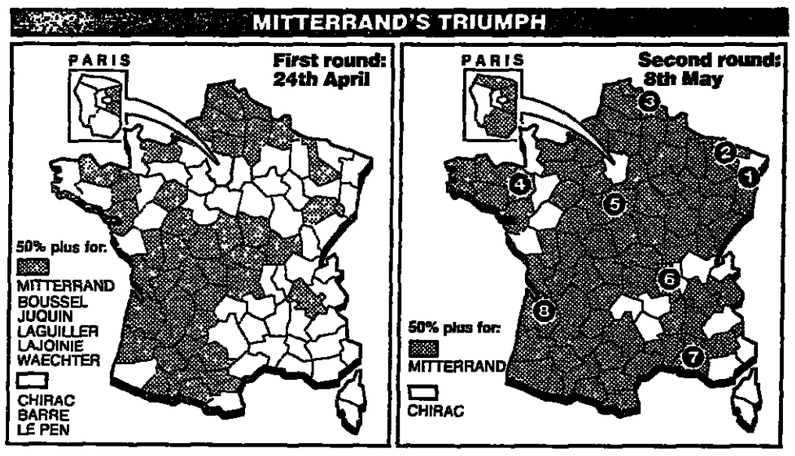
● 5 Orléans (Centre) — Orléans was the only large town in this group of departments to give M Chirac a majority — and that by only half a percent.

● 6 Lyons (Rhone Alpes) — The centre-right leader, M Raymond Barre, is deputy here and his call for supporters to vote for M Chirac appears to have been followed. M Chirac scored 54.98 per cent.

● 7 Marseilles (Provence Côte d'Azur) — It was in Marseilles that M Le Pen beat everyone else in the first round with 28.34 per cent. Although a large proportion of the National Front vote went to M Chirac this time — giving him 50.12 per cent of the vote — a sufficiently large number voted for M Mitterrand to make the previously glum Socialists happy.

● 8 Bordeaux (Aqaitaine) — M Chirac's 51.4 per cent in Bordeaux is not representative of the region overall where M Mitterrand gained 55.20 per cent.

● Paris: M Chirac has been Mayor of Paris for the last 10 years and his good record in that time explains his high overall 54.68 per cent in the second round.



Victory salute in Ecuador



Señor Rodrigo Borja greeting his delighted Social Democratic supporters in Quito with a clenched fist after his convincing victory in Ecuador's presidential election on Sunday.

Fears of crisis eased

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Señor Rodrigo Borja, a Social Democrat, has won Ecuador's presidential election by a sufficient margin to avoid a constitutional crisis that many observers had feared.

Señor Borja, of the centre-left Democratic Left party, beat Señor Abdalá Bucaram, a populist, of the Partido Roldosista Ecuatoriano in 16 of the nation's 20 provinces.

But the result in ballots cast was relatively close: Señor Borja won 1,601,195 votes (48 per cent) and Señor Bucaram 1,364,389 (40 per cent). Although voting is obligatory in Ecuador, an estimated 35 per cent of the electorate abstained.

Señor Bucaram conceded defeat with surprising grace for a man who had unleashed a torrent of virulent abuse and personal attacks on his opponent during the campaign. Although his own democratic credentials are highly questionable, he called on Ecuadorians "to defend this triumph of democracy for all, winners and losers".

Señor Borja's victory margin was sufficiently ample to avoid the violence that many had feared if the result had been close enough for Señor Bucaram and his supporters to question it. There had also been fears that, in the event of an outright win by Señor Bucaram, which had never been quite ruled out, the armed forces would have intervened to prevent his taking office.

It was third time lucky for Señor Borja, aged 52, a law professor. The Latin-American club of predominantly democratic presidents will thus gain a respectable if somewhat humourless new member when he takes office on August 10 to govern this Andean nation of 10 million inhabitants for the next four years.

He will succeed President Febres, whose Social Christian Party Administration is leaving a daunting legacy, having plunged the nation into the worst economic crisis in its history.

Ecuador, an Opec member, suspended payments on its $10,000 million (£5,376 million) foreign debt last year, and Señor Borja has already given notice that his priorities will be to improve living standards and create jobs before seeking ways to renegotiate the debt.

But he will be under considerable pressure from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank to increase petrol prices and charges for public services.

He will have one notable advantage over his predecessor, a right-winger who faced an openly hostile Congress. Señor Borja's party will have an overall majority in the new Congress.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Martens sworn in as coalition head

Brussels — Dr Wilfried Martens was yesterday sworn in as Prime Minister of Belgium at the head of a new centre-left coalition after a weekend of tough five-party negotiations over the distribution of portfolios (Jonathan Braude writes).

The installation of the eighth administration headed by Dr Martens followed a crisis that left the country without a Government for 146 days. Among many surprises in the list of posts was the retention of the former Prime Minister, Mr Léo Tindemans, as Foreign Minister.

Syria hints of action

Beirut — The bloody inter-Muslim battle for control of the slums of Beirut yesterday reached new levels of violence amid chilling accounts of atrocities and no clear end in sight (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

As hundreds of rockets, mortar and tank shells hammered homes in the southern suburbs for the fourth consecutive day, Syria for the first time hinted that it may send in its Army to halt the bloodshed. The fighting has claimed at least 150 lives since Friday.

Ethiopia aid setback

International famine relief efforts in Ethiopia have suffered a serious setback with a breakdown in relations between the national and international branches of the Red Cross (Andrew McEwen writes). On Sunday the Ethiopian Red Cross revoked its agreement on joint operations with the International Committee of the Red Cross. Aid workers yesterday said this would force the organization to stop distributing food to more than 100,000 people in the northern province of Gonder.

China denies killings

Peking (AFP) — China yesterday denied British press reports that 50 Tibetans were massacred by police during a pro-independence riot in Lhasa in March and reaffirmed that the toll was five dead and over 300 injured.

The Observer reported on Sunday that Chinese police killed 30 Tibetan monks in an assault on the Jokhang Temple, Tibetan Buddhism's holiest shrine, to break up a nationalist protest during the March 5 riot. Twenty other Tibetans were killed while protesting against the massacre, the newspaper report claimed.

Arab is denied bail

Jerusalem — Mr Mubarak Awad, founder of the non-violent Palestinian resistance movement against Israeli occupation, was denied bail yesterday while the High Court considers whether he can be expelled because the tourist visa in his American passport has expired (Ian Murray writes).

Thatcher favourite

Brussels — Belgian men prefer Mrs Thatcher to their own mothers. Mother Theresa and Madonna, says an opinion poll in the newspaper *Le Soir* (Jonathan Braude writes). Of 1,200 men interviewed, 20 per cent put their own wives and girlfriends first. Seven per cent put Mrs Thatcher first, with Mother Theresa and the interviewee's mother on 5 per cent and the singer Madonna on 2 per cent.

Polish labour unrest spreads

Warsaw workers join protest

From Richard Bassett, Gdansk

As negotiations between management and strikers at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk failed yesterday to end the week-long stoppage there, the Ursus tractor factory near Warsaw, one of the most militant factories in Poland, also reportedly came out on strike.

According to opposition sources, 80 per cent of the 16,000-strong workforce downed tools in support of the shipyard strikers. In addition, the tractor workers are demandingpay increases and the legalization of the outlawed Solidarity movement.

During the 1980-82 period of industrial unrest in Poland, the Ursus factory was in the vanguard of Solidarity's struggle with the authorities.

Reports of the stoppage in Warsaw came after strikers at Gdansk rejected a new management offer, which included a guarantee of no reprisals, and wage increases and the reinstatement of recently dismissed Solidarity activists.

Despite dwindling numbers occupying the Lenin Shipyard morale remains high. Notwithstanding renewed police efforts to seal off the yard and prevent food from reaching the 400 strikers left inside, it is still possible to use courier routes to enter the premises.

An elaborate system of passwords and homemade alarms provides an effective early-warning system to prevent entry coinciding with redoubled police patrols.

Most of those employed on this picket duty are teenagers; friends or relatives of some of the shipworkers. They face their long and often lonely vigils with impressive calm, fully aware that should they be caught by the police smuggling food or a Western correspondent into the shipyard the least they can expect will be a few days' detention.

Noticeably fewer people were to be seen yesterday at the vast Lenin Shipyard complex, but it was impossible to estimate during a brief tour how many strikers or civil defence guards remained.

However the pre-First World War red brick blocks of workers' housing between giant cranes and overgrown railway tracks appeared to be fully occupied yesterday.

Strike patrols, waving Polish flags, continued to drive up and down the shipyard's many roads.

Small groups of strikers, huddled together around radios, listened to the latest Western radio bulletins as well as official news programmes.

None of these men had any thought of giving up their struggle.

Yesterday as on other days the chant "No freedom without Solidarity" echoed around the shipyard from the gates where a few score strikers enjoyed the hot weather by sunbathing on the roof. Stripped to the waist, they were completely at ease even though they were less than 20 yards from several hundred militiamen.

In the workers' canteen, which has become the nerve centre of the strike committee, areas were efficiently divided up between spaces for food and drink and other areas for meetings and publications. A printing press in a converted kitchen continued to produce almost hourly bulletins.

On the floors where hastily improvised beds were prepared, a few dozen strikers were either sleeping or playing cards. Despite having spent more than four days without hot water or proper bathing facilities, none had neglected to shave.

Most are young, too young to have had any role in Solidarity's activities eight years ago. All of them are determined, however successful the strike committee's negotiations are with the management, not to leave the shipyard until Solidarity is legalized. They are oblivious to the message from General Wociech Jaruzelski's Government that there is no question of trade union pluralism in Poland.

"True, the Government is perhaps not yet ready to recognize Solidarity but that time must come and we remain a symbol for all Poland," a young welder said.

"We know that if we feel the ground moving from under our feet, Lech Walesa who has been with us all this time, will shore us up as he has done before," another older striker observed.

Despite the management's decision to continue talking with the strikers, many of those encountered yesterday within the shipyard felt that the management was acting arrogantly, trying only to spin out the talks.

"They are arrogant and afraid," one striker said of the management. "They know that Jaruzelski could end up the same way Gierek did after similar industrial unrest. We can wait a few months longer if necessary; they cannot."

Angola peace talks move to the Congo

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, is to hold talks with an Angolan Government delegation in Brazzaville, the capital of the Congo, on Thursday and Friday, informed sources disclosed yesterday.

The meeting is a follow-up to the conference last week in London attended by representatives of South Africa, Angola, Cuba and the United States. It is understood that the Brazzaville talks will be a purely bilateral affair between South Africa and the nominally Marxist Angolan Government. Mr Botha is expected to be accompanied to Brazzaville by General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Defence. At the London talks, South Africa was represented by a senior Foreign Ministry official and General Jannie Geldenhuys, the Chief of the South African Defence Force.

It is not immediately clear whether the Brazzaville meeting represents an attempt by South Africa and Angola to dispense with America as a mediator, or whether bilateral talks were always envisaged as a sequel to the London conference. After the London meeting, the Cuban delegate, Señor Jorge Risquet Valdes, a member of the Cuban Politburo, said that Havana had offered to withdraw over four years its estimated 35,000 troops now deployed in Angola. This offer was linked to independence for South African-occupied Namibia and a pledge by South Africa to cease support for the Angolan rebel movement, Unita.

Pretoria has refused to divulge any details of the London talks, but officials have said that they were encouraged by the seriousness of the proposals for a Cuban withdrawal. Most observers here believe that Pretoria would not be prepared to end its occupation of Namibia unless it could engineer a solution of the civil war in Angola that would involve the acceptance of Unita into a coalition government of national unity in Luanda.

Last Saturday, President dos Santos of Angola denied reports that his Government had been conducting clandestine negotiations with Unita.

"Everything that has been said in that regard is false propaganda. There are no reasons for power to be shared with the puppets," he said.

Reagans strike back over 'kiss and tell' book

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

In a scathing personal attack, the White House yesterday denounced Mr Donald Regan, the former White House Chief of Staff, for his "kiss and tell" book about Mrs Nancy Reagan's use of astrology and accused him of seeking to exploit the presidency and the Reagans.

For two consecutive days the White House lambasted President Reagan's former close friend, accusing him at one point of "vindictiveness and revenge" over his stunning revelations and withering criticism of Mrs Reagan. Mr Reagan made clear that he resented attacks on his wife.

The White House described the book as "in the mould of all such books which seek to exploit the presidency or the first family for personal self-interest".

The uproar centred on the revelation that Mrs Reagan consulted a San Francisco astrologer before planning any major event. Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the presidential spokesman, acknowledged that after the assassination attempt on President Reagan in March, 1981, Mrs Reagan had "reached out to friends, her minister, her family and her friend who advises on astrology".

The San Francisco astrologer has now been identified as Mrs Joan Quigley, who said she had advised the Reagans since the 1970s. "I'm not a pop astrologer," she said. "My work is very serious, scientific and technical."

The White House accused Mr Regan of trying to defame the First Lady in his book, excerpts of which were released on Sunday, "and on (American) Mother's Day no less". But the multi-millionaire was unrepentant, saying that he had tried not to be nasty in his book about his six years in the Reagan Administration, first as Treasury Secretary and then, for two years, as Chief of Staff. He was forced out by Mrs Reagan at the height of the Iran-Contra scandal in February, 1987. "I was made the victim, so now the victim tells his side of the story," he declared. He has donated to charity the $1 million (£555,000) advance he received for the book, *For the Record: From Wall Street to Washington*. His wealth has been put at $50 million (£26.8 million).

Asked if his book might damage Mrs Reagan, he shot back angrily: "I ask you what damage has the First Lady done to me? If this harms or hurts her, it is part of the story of what happened to me." In his book he said Mrs Reagan "regarded herself as the President's alter ego, not only in the conjugal but also in the political and official dimensions".

Revelations about Mrs Reagan's stargazing have brought mockery and humiliation to the White House, with senior Democrats variously expressing astonishment and anger that the President allowed his schedule to be influenced by a strange woman from San Francisco who met Mrs Reagan years ago on a television chat show.

Since the Iran-Contra fiasco broke 18 months ago, Mr Reagan's once-mighty prestige has been badly damaged by critical congressional reports about his lackadaisical management style and, more recently, by a string of unflattering memoirs by former senior officials.

The President himself has emphasized that he never used astrology in reaching policy decisions.

Mr Regan gave a string of interviews to publicize his book. Asked why he did not wait for the Reagan presidency to end before publishing the book he stabbed his fingers impatiently on his desk and said: "Did they wait until they were out of office for me? I... don't see any reason why I should hold up my story."



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Election defeat puts Kohl programme of reforms in jeopardy

From John England, Bonn

After the stunning defeat of his Christian Democrats (CDU) in a state election in Schleswig-Holstein on Sunday, Chancellor Kohl now faces possible problems in winning passage for his centre-right Government's reform plans in Bonn.

The poll, which saw the Social Democrats (SPD) sweep to an absolute majority with 54.8 per cent of the vote, ended 38 years of continuous Christian Democratic rule in the northern state.

Herr Kohl's party won 33.3 per cent, a loss of 9.3 percentage points on the election last September; its Free Democrat (FDP) allies, with only 4.4 per cent, failed to qualify for parliamentary seats.

In the new State Assembly in Kiel, where Herr Björn Engholm, aged 48, will be Prime Minister, the Social Democrats will have 46 seats, a gain of 10, and the Christian Democrats 27 seats, a loss of six. The only other party in Parliament will be the Danish-speaking minority's South-Schleswig Voters' Association, (SSW), which does not need a minimum 5 per cent of the vote and will have one MP.

Herr Kohl conceded yesterday that the Christian Democrats in Schleswig-Holstein – still under the shadow of the "Barschel affair" in which its late Prime Minister, Uwe Barschel, tried to smear Herr Engholm during last year's election campaign – could not have won the poll.

Herr Kohl said yesterday that "other aspects", such as the Bonn Government's plans for wide-ranging reforms on tax, health insurance schemes and postal services and telecommunications had also played a role in the defeat.

Now the reforms are the hostage of Herr Kohl's own side in the Bundesrat (upper house) in Bonn which represents state governments.

The tax and health insurance programmes are facing opposition not only from the Social Democrats, the Greens and the trade unions, but also sharp criticism from at least two Christian Democrat state prime ministers.

After the Christian Democrat disaster in Schleswig-Holstein, Herr Kohl and his partners, the Free Democrats and the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), have only a five vote, 23-18, majority over the Social Democrats in the Bundesrat.

If Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Prime Minister of Bavaria and CSU leader, wishes to torpedo a Bonn government bill he has only to abstain from voting.

The same power lies in the hands of the other critics of the reforms – Herr Ernst Albrecht and Herr Lothar Späth, the Christian Democrat Prime Ministers of Lower Saxony and Baden-Württemberg respectively. Only last week Herr Albrecht was the prime mover behind an upper house vote to block the tax reform if the Bonn Government would not agree to share the annual national social welfare cost of DM25 billion (about £8 billion) on a 50-50 basis with the 11 states.

ELECTION RESULTS

Change in voting and seats

Party	% vote	Seats
SPD	54.8 (+9.6)	46 (+10)
CDU	33.3 (-9.3)	27 (-6)
FDP	4.4 (-0.8)	0 (-4)
Green	2.9 (-1.0)	0 (0)
SSW	1.7 (+0.2)	1 (0)
Other	2.9 (+1.3)	0 (0)

Electorate: 2.04 million
Turnout: 77.4% (+0.8)

Royal seal of approval for Hawke's democratic showpiece



The Queen, with Mr Bob Hawke, Australia's Prime Minister, walking in front of the new Parliament House in Canberra yesterday after she opened the £500 million building.

Aboriginal land protest mars tour's highspot

From Christopher Morris, Canberra

The anger of Australia's Aboriginal people marred the nation's biggest and most important showpiece event of the bicentenary year, the royal opening of the new £500 million Parliament House yesterday.

Hundreds of Aborigines converged overnight on the federal capital and set off at dawn to march to Australia's new parliament building.

"What do we want? Land rights!" was their battle cry.

The size of the demonstration and the militant mood of the protesters took officials by surprise. The Aborigines had travelled from all over Australia since this was their last opportunity, before the royal tour ends today, to vent their anger and frustration.

All police leave was cancelled and reinforcements called in – but apart from the constant chanting which penetrated deep inside the parliament's Great Hall during the opening ceremony, the Aborigines kept their promise to make their protest a peaceful one.

Five hours before the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh were due to arrive the Aborigines had already taken up positions outside the main entrance. They draped their banners along the walls while the older women stripped down to skirts, applied white body paint and then solemnly began the tribal ritual of the Aboriginal "Corroboree" – a ceremonial meeting and dancing.

The protest was, as it has been all this year, about the loss of their lands. They had come to petition the Queen to try to get the Australian Government to honour its promise of a land treaty in 1988.

Activist leader Mr Michael Mansell, banned by the Prime Minister Mr Bob Hawke from attending the opening ceremony because he was "an unacceptable guest", turned up to lead the demonstration instead. "This is to show white Australians that the treatment of Aboriginal people is not going to be tolerated," he declared.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh faced a noisy welcome from loyalists shouting "God save the Queen", and Aborigines chanting "Shame, shame". At one point a small Aboriginal girl dashed through the cordon of police to hand the Queen a bouquet. She carried it for fully five minutes before an official noticed it was draped in the traditional Aboriginal colours of black, yellow and red.

Hastily the bouquet was taken away.

Using two gold keys, the Queen then unlocked the doors to the Parliament House.

The time was precisely 11am – the same time to the second that her father, King George VI, then Duke of York, opened the provisional Parliament House in Canberra on May 9, 1927.

The Queen, in her address to the 2,000 guests, made no direct reference to the plight of Australia's Aboriginal people as they had been hoping she might.

Instead, she spoke of the new parliament building as being a symbol of Australian unity and democracy.

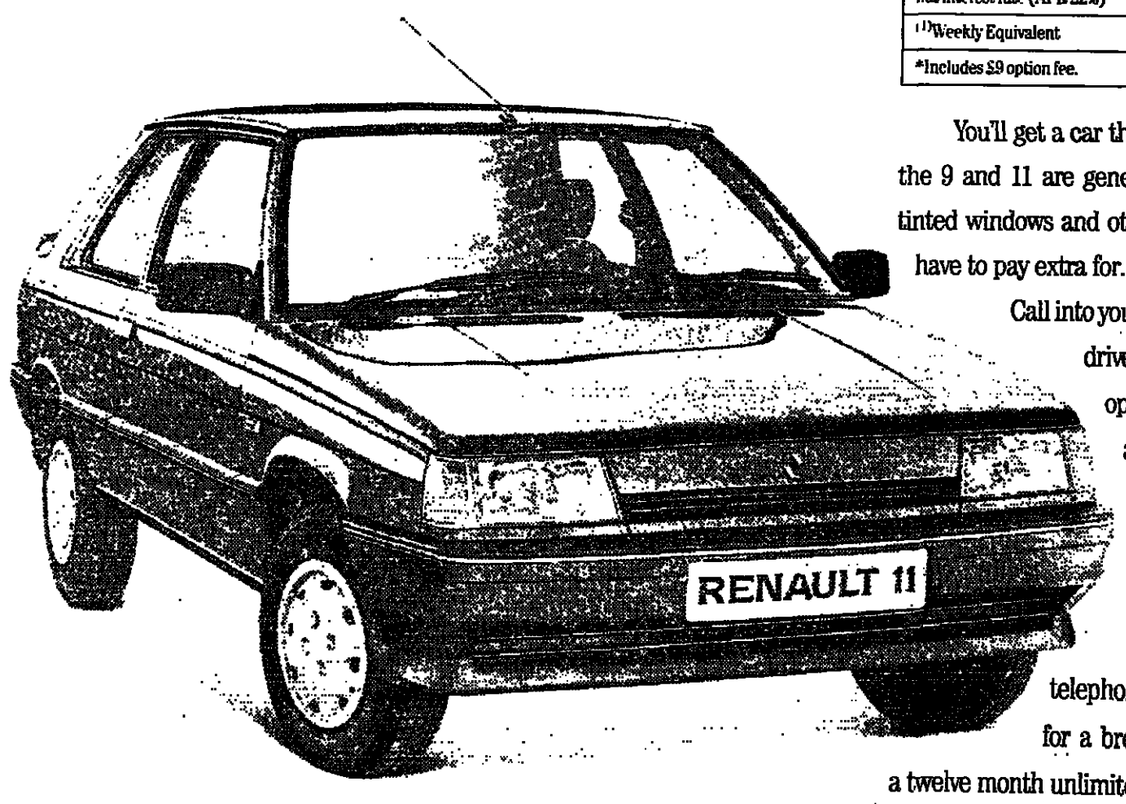
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Election in Denmark

Nato fears poll gamble may fail

From Richard Owen, Copenhagen

Nato diplomats said yesterday that a clear victory for Mr Poul Schluter, the Conservative Danish Prime Minister, in today's election on nuclear policy would "send the right signal about Western unity" to the Soviet leadership in the run-up to the superpower summit.

With Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, scheduled to meet Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in Geneva tomorrow in final preparations for the Moscow summit, the outcome of the Denmark poll has taken on a wider significance.

But the officials fear that Mr Schluter's gamble in calling the election on Denmark's Nato role will fail, and that this will give Moscow the impression of Western disunity at a critical time.

Mr Shultz, who briefs Nato on Friday after his Moscow talks, has already expressed dismay over Danish policy, and the emergence of either a weakened Schluter Government or an anti-Nato left-wing Government today is likely to trigger a crisis within the alliance.

The alliance has survived anti-nuclear protests, including mass protests at the time of the deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles five years ago. Nato leaders argue that the alliance's firm stand over the deployments forced Moscow to the negotiating table, leading in the end to the INF Treaty on Euro-missiles, signed at the superpower summit last December.

But what is now at stake thanks to the Danish factor, officials argue, is something deeper: the very future of Nato's post-war consensus on nuclear weapons.

The anti-nuclear trend, officials say, is not confined to Denmark, and behind it lies a widely held assumption in Western Europe that the West can relax its guard because of the benevolence of the Gorbachov leadership.

Moscow's proposals for a Baltic nuclear-free zone, although hardly new, have found growing support in Denmark, especially in the Social Democratic Party ledby Mr Svend Auken and in Mr Gert Petersen's increasingly powerful Socialist People's Party, which stands even further to the left.

Although Denmark joined the EEC along with Britain in 1973, it still feels closer to its Nordic neighbours – two of whom, Sweden and Finland, are neutral – than it does to other Europeans. Similarly, although the immediate post-war Soviet threat brought Denmark into Nato, many Danes feel drawn to the idea of a Nordic non-nuclear zone. The feeling is even shared on the right; Mr Mogens Glistrup's Progress Party suggests that Danish defence policy should consist of a tape recording with a voice saying "We surrender" in Russian.

Denmark's minimal contribution to shared alliance costs is no joke, however, from Nato's point of view. With Soviet northern bases and submarine pens just around the corner, Nato sees the Danish Baltic approaches – the Skagerrak and the Kattegat – as crucial to Western defences. Beyond lies the Greenland-Iceland-Britain gap through which Soviet forces would come in time of war.

Some observers believe Mr Schluter deliberately chose the Nato issue to try and increase his electoral support, and that in so doing he may have miscalculated. Mr Schluter's hope, and the hope of many of his fellow leaders in Nato is that the Danes will send his hitherto fragile four-party centre-right coalition back to the Folketing with an increased majority.

This, in the words of Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Foreign Minister, would finally put an end to Denmark's reputation as a troublesome ally in both Nato and the EEC.

A Schluter victory would be a triumph to match the referendum last year on the Single European Act and Danish national sovereignty, when the Government gambled – correctly – that anti-EEC feeling would not translate into a move to leave the EEC.

Briton murdered

A British tourist was stabbed and killed in a Turkish resort town on the Aegean, the Foreign Office said yesterday (Nicholas Beeston writes). A spokesman said that Mr Peter Holden died on Sunday afternoon in Marmaris and that two Turks were being questioned by police about his murder. Turkish newspaper reports said that Mr Holden, a chef from London, was travelling through Turkey in a caravan on holiday.

'Ivan' appeal

Jerusalem – John Demjanjuk's appeal against his death sentence for the crimes of "Ivan the Terrible" will not be heard until December.

Deadly jabs

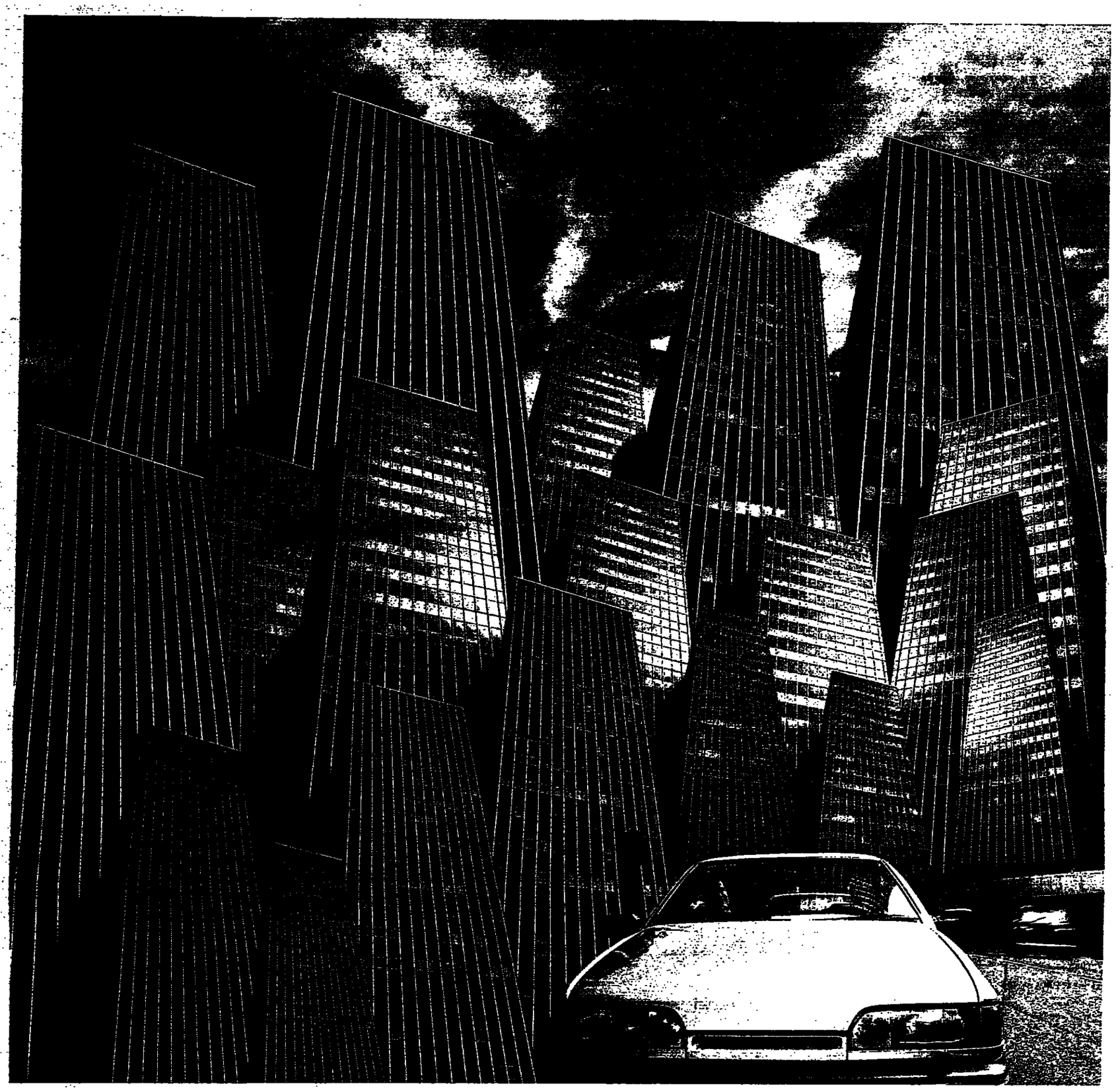
Bombay (AP) – Three children who died after anti-leukemia jabs at Tata Memorial hospital were the victims of bacterial contamination.

Panda killers

Hong Kong (AFP) – A Chinese court jailed three men for life for killing giant pandas for their fur, news reports from Peking said here.

Aids screen

Taipei (Reuter) – All foreign students will have to take an Aids test before entering Taiwan universities this year, the Education Department said.



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Gandhi crackdown looms after Sikh temple battle

By Anatol Lieven

There was an increasing likelihood yesterday of a fresh move by Indian security forces against Sikh militants operating from the Golden Temple in Amritsar after four people were killed and seven wounded, including a senior policeman, in the second gun battle at the complex in two weeks.

Fighting flared after the wounding of Deputy Inspector General S.S. Virk of the Central Reserve Police Force who had been leading a patrol outside the temple when shots came from inside.

According to reports from the city, now under curfew, police returned fire with machine guns. The dead, all passers-by, reportedly included three worshippers and an Indian Red Cross worker.

Tension had been rising during the past week since police intervened to stop militants inside the temple, thought to number about 80, from reinforcing the complex by building a new wall. Armed extremist groups have been filtering back into the temple in recent months, as the Government, in an effort to reduce Sikh resentment, has adopted a more restrained policy.

But there are now fears that the gunmen are once more fortifying the maze of buildings, as was the case before the Indian Army operation against the original Sikh extremist base in 1984.

More than 800 people have been killed in Punjab so far this year, including 34 policemen. This compares with some 1,230 for the whole of last year.

Over the weekend, 13 Hindus were killed at a wedding reception in the neighbouring state of Haryana, raising fears of a fresh Hindu backlash against Sikhs living outside Punjab.

It is thought that the upsurge in separatist attacks may be in part a response to moves to find a compromise solution to the conflict. These received a boost on Sunday when the Sikh High Priest, Mr Jasbir Singh Rode, declared that he personally could accept a solution for Punjab within the Indian union, and falling short of full independence for a Sikh state of Khalistan.

This would depend on Sikh rights and identity being guaranteed, and Sikh grievances being redressed, he said. The interview was reported on the BBC External Services and is to be broadcast in Britain on *Newsnight*.

The 34-year-old Mr Rode is the nephew of late Sikh religious leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who started the separatist movement and was killed in the 1984 army assault. Mr Rode was released from internment by the Indian Government in March of this year and was promptly installed as High Priest on the strength of militant support and his uncle's name.

It is widely believed, however, that his release was part of an informal agreement by which Mr Rode would seek to use his influence to bring about a settlement to the conflict.

Until Sunday he has been very careful to make no overt statement either for or against the idea of Khalistan. However, his public statements have been noticeably cooler than has become the norm among the militants and he has denounced the killing of "innocents".

The armed separatists have always been reluctant to openly admit to the massacres of civilians blamed on them by the Indian authorities. There have been some signs lately that the Sikh population is becoming increasingly sickened by the level of violence, and especially by the mass killings of whole families.

Mr Rode is believed to have the support of two of the main Sikh militant organizations, loosely grouped behind the so-called "Panthic Committee", and to be opposed by three of them. In the past few days tension between these factions within the Golden Temple has led to exchanges of verbal abuse and the brandishing of weapons.

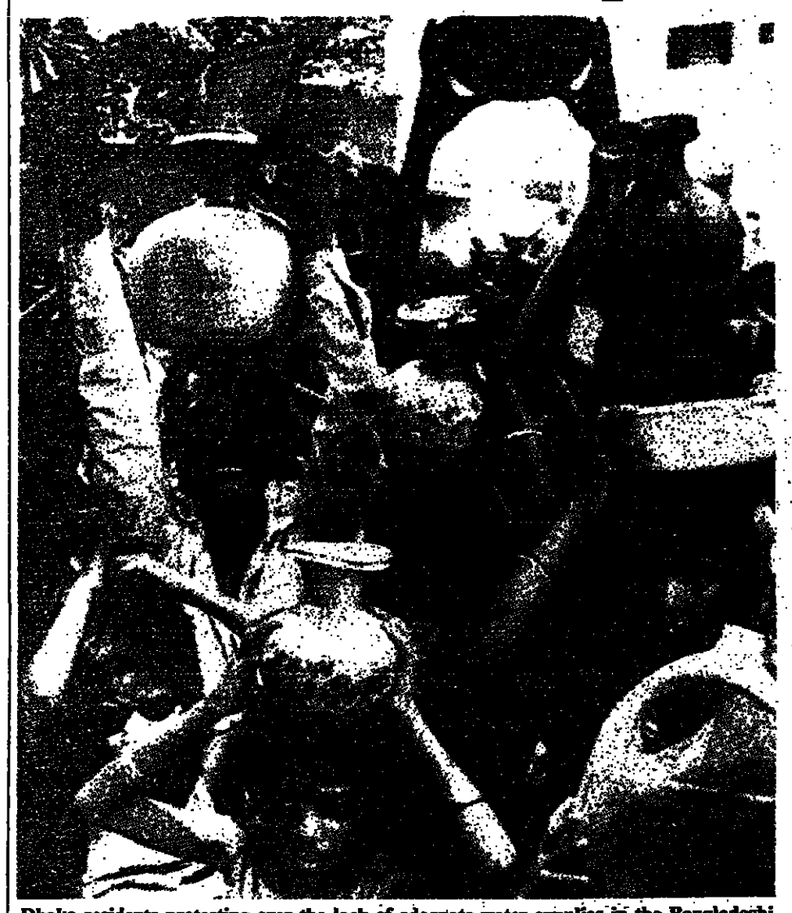
It is thought possible, therefore, that uncompromising elements from the so-called "Khalistan Commando Force" and other separatist groups may be launching deliberately provocative attacks in order to sabotage any moves towards a settlement.

Observers say that if their latest actions do in fact lead to a fresh army assault on the Golden Temple, they would have probably succeeded in their objective, as the resulting Sikh outrage would make peace moves impossible for some time.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has been under increasing criticism for his handling of the Punjab crisis ever since he dismissed the moderate Sikh Government of Punjab last year. The reason given was its failure to combat terrorism, but since then the killings have increased.

With an election coming up within the next two years, and possible as early as this autumn, Mr Gandhi may feel the need to make some spectacular gesture.

Plea for water in parched city



Dhaka residents protesting over the lack of adequate water supplies in the Bangladeshi capital, where the shortage is forcing citizens to queue up before dawn at roadside taps.

Dhaka (Reuter) — Nearly 500 men, women and children demonstrated in Dhaka yesterday, demanding adequate supplies of drinking water for the Bangladeshi capital's four million people.

"Give us water to quench unbearable thirst," they shouted outside government buildings.

"Clean the water sources of germs and insects."

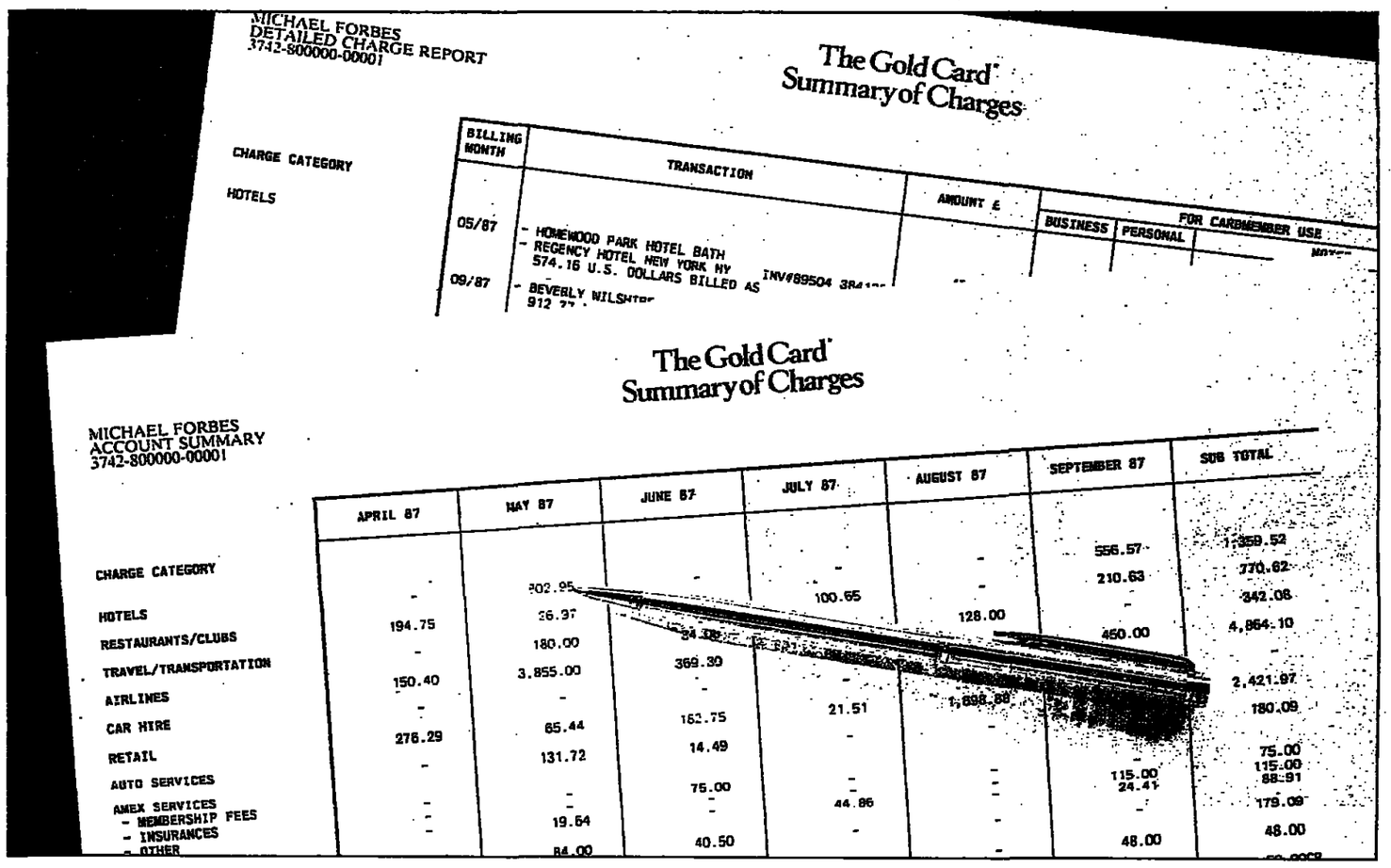
Thousands of Dhaka residents scramble around roadside taps and wells every morning to fill jars. Witnesses say queues form before dawn, but not everyone gets a share

Municipal authorities say water was short throughout the year because the supply was only half the required 180 million gallons a day. In addition, some water treatment plants were so old that supplies often carried germs and other objects.

Meanwhile, heavy rains in the past week have eased months of near-drought in northern Bangladesh.

Environmentalists blame the water scarcity partly on indiscriminate tapping of underground sources for irrigation. They also say that cutting trees for fuel could turn the area along Bangladesh's northern border with India into a desert.

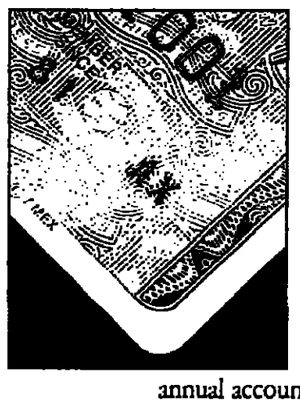
● DELHI: The western Indian state of Rajasthan, in its fourth year of drought, has banned official entertainment — ranging from foreign travel and official dinners to providing visitors with tea — to save money.



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FOR SOME, LIFE'S TRUE VALUES ARE EASY TO RECOGNISE.

Russians may keep Afghan border toehold

By Edward Gorman

One of the many imponderables being assessed by Afghanistan watchers now that the Soviet Union has decided to withdraw its estimated 115,000 troops is whether Moscow — or perhaps Kabul — will try to establish a rump state in the north of the country, based on the provincial capital of Mazar-e Sharif.

Throughout the Soviet occupation there have been consistent indications that Balkh and the eight other northern provinces along the Soviet border have been treated as separate and potentially independent from the central and southern areas of Afghanistan and, as one analyst in Washington put it, the possibility of the Russians now trying something in the north "is on everyone's list of future options".

Observers point out that a natural rump or buffer zone north of the Hindu Kush — similar to Israel's self-styled security zone in southern Lebanon — could be easily supplied from the southern Soviet Union within the agreed interpretation of the Geneva peace accords. Such a zone could provide Moscow with an interim or face-saving solution to the Afghan débâcle in the event of Kabul being defeated by the Mujahidin resistance. Perhaps more importantly, it would also help to stave off what the Russians see as the potentially dangerous spread of Islamic fundamentalism into the southern Soviet republics.

Others argue that the impetus for a northern "republic" may come not from Moscow but from Kabul if President Najibullah, facing growing military pressure on the capital, decided to cut his losses and re-establish his regime in the north where the Soviet Union could hardly ignore him.

There are still others, however, who dismiss the whole concept of "fortress north", arguing that it goes directly against Mr Gorbachov's apparent determination to rid himself of his Afghan commitment, and that it would be extremely difficult to sustain in practice.

But the evidence that something could be in the offing is hard to ignore. As early as 1983, the Soviet-backed Kabul Government was warning guerrillas in the region that if they did not curtail their insurgency Moscow might try to partition the area. At about the same time, analysts noted concerted efforts by the Russians to strengthen Mazar-e Sharif, both politically and militarily.

There also appears to have been a decision to prevent the wholesale destruction of the north — traditionally the most prosperous wheat-growing region of the country, endowed with valuable oil and natural gas deposits — which has been steadily tied into the economic and social orbit of the southern, predominantly Muslim, Soviet republics with a long series of industrial and cultural treaties.

More recently, President Najibullah created the position of Deputy Prime Minister for the North, unusually embracing both defence and interior ministry portfolios: reorganized the provinces along the Soviet border under one regional authority; and announced the establishment of a new province called Sari Pol out of southern Balkh and neighbouring Jowzjan province.

Regime officials, however, reject Western interpretations of these developments, arguing that recent moves in the north are merely part of a national plan to reorganize the whole country and provide better co-ordination of development as the task of reconstruction begins after the Soviet withdrawal.

One other area of possible controversy in the region is the Wakhan corridor — a strategically important strip of mountainous land in north-eastern Afghanistan which borders Pakistan to the south, China to the east and the Soviet Union to the north.

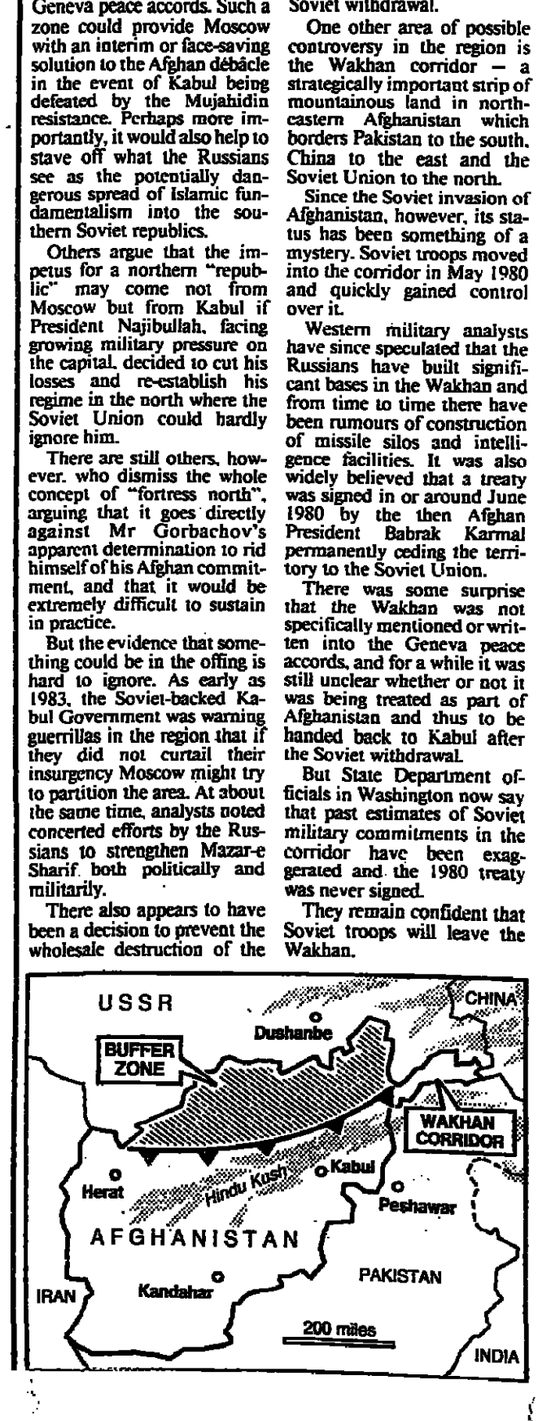
Since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, however, its status has been something of a mystery. Soviet troops moved into the corridor in May 1980 and quickly gained control over it.

Western military analysts have since speculated that the Russians have built significant bases in the Wakhan and from time to time there have been rumours of construction of missile silos and intelligence facilities. It was also widely believed that a treaty was signed in or around June 1980 by the then Afghan President Babrak Karmal permanently ceding the territory to the Soviet Union.

There was some surprise that the Wakhan was not specifically mentioned or written into the Geneva peace accords, and for a while it was still unclear whether or not it was being treated as part of Afghanistan and thus to be handed back to Kabul after the Soviet withdrawal.

But State Department officials in Washington now say that past estimates of Soviet military commitments in the corridor have been exaggerated and the 1980 treaty was never signed.

They remain confident that Soviet troops will leave the Wakhan.



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PARLIAMENT

Most of Cabinet 'opposes the Tory poll tax'

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead told his fellow peers he could discover no members of the present Cabinet, apart from Mrs Thatcher and Mr Nicholas Ridley, who supported the Government's poll-tax proposals.

He described the Local Government Finance Bill, aiming to replace rates with the poll tax, or community charge, as socially unjust, geographically perverse and administratively cumbersome.

He was one of nearly 50 peers who spoke in the Bill's second reading debate, most of whom urged the Government to relate poll tax more closely to the ability to pay.

Lord Jenkins said that the House of Lords should not feel inhibited from playing any significant role in relation to the Bill. The constitutional precedents were complicated and had been best set out in *The Times* last Wednesday by William Wade, a constitutional expert.

Referring to the correspondence between himself and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone in the letters columns of *The Times*, he said that the former Lord Chancellor had performed a remarkable U-turn on the constitutional role of the House of Lords compared to what he had said in the Dimbleby lectures in 1976.

The inclusion of the community charge in the Conservatives' 1987 election manifesto might have a varying influence. But it had to be set against the fact the the Government had lost three-quarters of its Commons majority on the issue.

Every day more and more people who normally supported the Government were turning away from the proposals and so the Government should at the very least be given a chance to think again.

The Bill was manifestly unpopular among Conservative

HOUSE OF LORDS

MPs and Conservative local authorities and also among independent experts and the public at large. Individually these might not be decisive arguments against the proposals, but cumulatively they became impressive.

"The Bill has become one of the biggest inverted pyramids every seen."

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for Environment, said that as a result of the legislation local government would be in a far stronger position to assert its right to decide the quantity and quality of services.

The present rating system was monstrously unfair and not based on ability to pay. The Bill was about the accountability of local councils – it was not a new objective, the search had begun in the early 1970s.

About nine million of those on low incomes would pay less than the full amount of the community charge because of the concessions announced by the Government. Certain groups would be exempt and amendments would be introduced by the Government at the committee stage in the Lords to exempt monks and nuns.

The Government was concerned about the plight of clergymen and would consider their concerns.

The reform would reduce the rates bill for business in the North and Midlands by £700 million every year with £350 million of the reductions in the hard-pressed, inner-city areas.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, chief Opposition environment spokesman, said that Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Environment, had commented that it was not right that a duke should pay more than a dustman.

There were more dukes in the upper House than dustmen. But the dukes might feel that there was something profoundly unjust about the idea that a dustman should pay the same as a duke for local government.

The proposals would bring an increase in central government interference, with 75 per cent of local expenditures likely to come from government grant compared with the present 46 per cent.

The poll tax would drive millions off the register, particularly young people and the ethnic minorities, and deprive them of the right to vote.

Lord Harmar-Nicholls (C): That is their decision.

Lord McIntosh replied that people would find ways to avoiding being identified and it would deprive them of a vote.

In his maiden speech, the **Earl of Lytton** (Ind), a chartered surveyor, feared that some business ratepayers in London and the South-east could expect to be adversely affected by the proposals and small businesses were particularly concerned.

In the end, if councils wanted to spend more because determined people got into office then abuses might flourish as before.

The Bishop of Gloucester, Dr John Yates, said that the church leaders and bodies that had expressed concern about the proposals were not wide-eyed idealists out of touch with reality. Many were in the areas where the greatest fears had been expressed.

If it was not possible to change the Bill in principle, there should be more generous amendments offered by the Government, not only because of the threat to some of the worst-off in the community but also in order perhaps to induce a semblance of a somewhat different spirit in the legislation.

It was necessary to change the general effect of the Bill, which seemed harsh and unfeeling and threatening to those who were vulnerable.



Lord McIntosh (left) and Lord Jenkins, who both criticized the Government's community charge proposals

The Finance Bill

SLD tenants move defeated

TREASURY

An attempt by the Social and Liberal Democrats to increase the protection of private tenants who might be threatened by changes in the business expansion scheme was made when the Commons resumed the committee stage of the Finance (No 2) Bill, which brings the budget into effect.

Mr Alan Beith, the party's spokesman on Treasury matters, moved an amendment which, he said, was intended to give some protection to tenants who might otherwise be exploited.

He said that the Government's proposed use of the business expansion scheme to attract private capital into the private rented sector should not be dismissed out of hand. But it should be tailored so as to ensure that there was adequate protection for tenants.

For example, a company that wanted to make a lot of money quickly could go into an area where there was a shortage of private rented housing, buy up properties and, having had the benefit of the business expansion scheme to finance the operation, use its monopoly power to push up rents in that area.

The purpose of his amendment was to ensure that the rents had to be set at reasonable levels, as determined by a rent assessment committee under the Housing Act, 1988.

Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that in the past Conservative and Labour governments had not gone far enough in giving freedom to the landlord to charge a market rent.

The new assured tenancy scheme would allow landlords and tenants to agree any rent they chose. The Government believed the right way of achieving reasonable rents was to allow them to be decided by competition and market forces.

The result of attempts to restrict rents in the past had been to cause property to leave the private sector or not to appear.

People who wanted to rent and were willing to pay a market rent found no property available. There had been almost no worthwhile investment in rented property for 50 years. The sector was in decline.

It was doubtful if the proposed amendment would have any effect because, under the Housing Act, the rent assessment committee would determine the rent only where the landlord proposed an increase in periodic tenancies and where tenants chose to refer it to the committee.

The committee had no role in initiating rents charged and no role in fixing rents where the mechanism for increase was built into the tenancy agreement. The Housing Act allowed the committee to determine rents which might reasonably be expected in the open market with a reasonable landlord.

Mr Gordon Brown, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that the amendment would not save any money, no rents would be reduced and and no family would be better off as a result. It showed a total misunderstanding of the role of the rent assessment committee.

The amendment was rejected by 221 votes to 145 – Government majority, 76.

£45m to repair rented homes

The Housing Corporation is expected to approve new schemes costing about £45 million for major repair of housing association dwellings, Mrs Marion Roe, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a written Commons reply to Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, SLD).

The schemes will be concentrated on bringing empty properties back into use in areas of shortage.

She added: "In the past, where the property was originally developed with local authority money, the corporation provided funding for repairs only in exceptional cases, but they have now been authorized to fund repairs wherever the local authority is genuinely unable to so itself, on condition that the dwellings are then let to homeless people."

Redundancies under fire

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) was unsuccessful in seeking an emergency debate on the announcement on Friday of 1,800 redundancies by GEC and Plessey at its new telecommunications company GPT.

He said that 40 per cent of the redundancies were expected to occur in Coventry. If the company had a cash-flow problem, the "Butcher of Bowden", Lord Weinstock, could sell a couple of his racehorses, for which he paid about £500,000 a time.

Fair deal on Alton Bill

The debate on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill last Friday proceeded completely in good order and under the usual procedures, the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said during points of order.

He was responding to Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab), who had asked him to confirm the point in the light of press and television reports suggesting parliamentary mugging, foul play and, in one instance, cheating.

Museums likely to get £20m

In the initial stages of the introduction of museum charges there was a drop in attendance, but it picked up later, **Mr Richard Luce**, Minister for the Arts, said at question time.

At the National Maritime Museum, admissions were up by 16 per cent last year over the previous year.

He expected national museums and galleries to raise £20 million in the present financial year from non-grant sources, including catering and trading. That would not affect their government grant.

He confirmed that there would be no reduction or adjustment to the grant of any of the national museums and galleries on account of any extra private-sector income.

P&O emergency debate refused

In an unsuccessful attempt to secure an emergency debate on the P&O dispute, the Opposition spokesman said that if the Herald of Free Enterprise were sailing tonight from Zeebrugge under the P&O proposals, it would have 15 fewer crew than on the night it sank.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said that the insistence by P&O that its package of 400 job cuts, increased working hours, less leave and a pay cut should be implemented almost immediately had provoked the 14-week strike.

The National Union of Seamen had repeatedly made clear its willingness to accept the P&O proposals if they were phased in over three years – well in advance of the Channel tunnel – which was what P&O originally indicated. The NUS had been willing to accept binding arbitration, but the company had rejected it.



Mr Meacher: Safety of public is at stake

"The safety of the public is at stake in these proposals. If the Herald of Free Enterprise were sailing tonight from Zeebrugge under these P&O proposals, it would have 15 fewer crew than on the night of March 6 last year when it went down."

There were dangers involved in untrained crews, reduced crewing levels and 18-hour shifts. It was important for the public and for seamen that the safety risks in these proposals were fully known and publicly scrutinized.

The difficulties of resolving the dispute by negotiation were coming to a head. The primary dispute with P&O at Dover might harden to the point where compromise became difficult, if not impossible.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he had listened carefully to what Mr Meacher had said, but his sole duty was to decide whether a matter should be given priority over business set down for today or tomorrow and to consider the criteria in the relevant standing order.

He regretted that under these criteria he could not accept Mr Meacher's application.

Later, **Mr Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North, Lab), on a point of order, said that he and Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) had visited the picket line at Dover. Some of those in dispute had drawn their attention to unsafe working practices on P&O vessels and to the mad, desperate search by the company for people "to scab".

The two MPs had been questioned as to how the matter of safety could be debated in the House.

The Speaker replied that he understood that that was a serious matter. There were days when the Opposition could choose the subject of debate. There was question time. There were plenty of opportunities to raise these matters.

Thatcher's press aide is attacked

Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, ought to be paid from Conservative Party funds in view of the way he had talked over the weekend about the institutionalized hysteria of the press, **Mr Tam Dalyell** (Linlithgow, Lab) said during question time.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service, said that Mr Dalyell was trying to dredge up old issues because Mrs Thatcher had been such an outstanding success as a Prime Minister of great integrity.

Mr Dalyell said that in an adjournment debate (on April 22) he had referred in detail to a statement by Sir Frank Cooper, the former permanent secretary, that Mr Ingham ought not to be in the Civil Service while performing his present role.

Mr Luce: In the adjournment debate and again now he seeks to dredge up the old issues which have already been dealt with in answers (Labour protests). The reason he does it is because he knows that the Prime Minister has been such an outstanding success.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) had earlier raised the subject during a question about reorganization of the Civil Service, when he asked whether steps could be taken to reorganize the post of press secretary to the Prime Minister, a role in which Mr Ingham went out of his way to give warnings to the press and media generally about what they should or should not publish.

Mr Luce: This is a matter principally for the Prime Minister, but there is no shadow of doubt of the outstanding calibre of Mr Ingham and of the job he does.

43% drop in coal jobs

The number of full-time employees in the coal industry has fallen by 43 per cent since February 1979, **Mr Cecil Parkinson**, Secretary of State for Energy, said in a written reply.

At the end of February this year there were 123,822 employees in the industry.

Scots tax

The Scottish Office has every reason to believe that the registration process for the community charge north of the border is going smoothly, **Mr Ian Lang**, Minister of State for Scotland, said in a written reply.

Defence costs

The annual White Paper on the defence estimates will be published next Tuesday, **Mr George Younger**, Secretary of State for Defence, said in a Commons written reply.

HMSO titles

The Stationery Office has about 43,000 titles in print, **Mr Peter Brooke**, Paymaster General, said in a written Commons reply.

New coins

The new 5p coin is to be issued in June 1990 and the new 10p in June 1992, **Mr Nigel Lawson**, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Social Services; Prime Minister. Finance (No 2) Bill, committee, third day.
Lords (2.30): Education Reform Bill, committee, third day.

Parkinson defends procedure to ensure power supply

After privatization, all generators of electricity would have a commercial and contractual interest in ensuring that the power-supply system did not fail in an emergency, **Mr Cecil Parkinson**, Secretary of State for Energy, said during questions.

Operating procedures in emergencies would be set out clearly in their contracts, and the ability of the grid controllers to manage emergencies should be unaffected, he added.

"We believe any costs will be outweighed by the benefits of competition and diversity."

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) asked why the Government thought that it knew better than Lord Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Mr Parkinson said that Lord Marshall, though a learned and powerful figure in the industry, was only one voice. Many others in the industry knew just as much about transmission as did Lord Marshall, but did not agree with him. The president of the Institute of Electrical Engineers was one.

The Government's own professional advisers had said that what the Government wanted to do was technically possible. Lord Marshall accepted that, but believed that there would be costs involved.

"We believe those costs are sustainable and will be more than outweighed by savings from diversity."

Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C) asked what assessment Mr Parkinson had made of the benefits that would come when area boards were able to use the grid to shop around for competitive prices from new private producers.

Mr Parkinson said that this was precisely the sort of competition and diversity of electricity supply that would give rise to price competition and benefit customers and compensate for some of the extra costs of ensuring that the system remained safe.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said that the arguments would continue as to who was right, Mr Parkinson or Lord Marshall.

Did Mr Parkinson still believe that prices would be cheaper under privatization and grid separation, because a report by National Utility Services two days ago showed that electricity under privatization would be "far more expensive and likely to be the most expensive in Europe"?

Mr Parkinson said that the company that Mr Prescott had mentioned "is not entirely unbiased". It made its living by advising people how to reduce their power bills, so it had a vested interest in pretending that bills were extremely high.

"It has a totally unrepresentative sample of customers. We prefer to believe the CBI and the Electricity Council, who have agreed figures."

● During other evergy questions, Mr parkinson denied suggestions that electricity prices in Britain were among the highest.

Miss Joyce Quinn (Gateshead East, Lab) had asked for his reaction to the report by National Utility Services, which she said, showed that the United Kingdom was becoming the most expensive country in terms of electricity prices because of the strictures imposed by the Government on the industry.

What initiatives was the Government going to take to help those at the lower end of the income scale when electricity prices rose?

Mr Parkinson said that the company she mentioned drew its statistics from a very narrow range of its own customers. It did not pretend to cover the industry right across the board.

The figures produced by the CBI and the Electricity Council together were the most authoritative figures and these showed Britain to be firmly in the middle of the list in industrial terms and also in domestic prices.

Mrs Mildred Gordon (Bow and Poplar, Lab) said that because of the increasing cost of electricity, there were a growing number of poor people who were late in making payments.

In London, these people were getting aggressive and unpleasant letters from electricity companies threatening them with court orders and with breaking into their homes and installing (pre-payment) electricity meters if they did not sign voluntary agreements.

These letters were going to people in hospital as well as to the elderly and were causing great distress.

Mr Parkinson said that under the code of conduct the electricity authorities did not disconnect supply to the homes of the elderly during the winter months.

The authorities were also always ready to listen to representations on behalf of consumers with real problems and in need of help in the staging of payments of their bills.

Cost-cutting fears

Fears about the effect of "cost-cutting exercises" were raised by a Labour MP during Commons questions about the privatization of the electricity industry.

***Mr Robert Cryer* (Bradford South, Lab) said that privatization and competition involved such exercises in order to increase profits. What guarantees were there that directors of any privatized sector would not be as incompetent and criminally responsible as the directors of Townsend Thoresen?**

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said that Mr Cryer was making the mistake of assuming that profits could come only from cost-cutting, which implied dismissing people and behaving in an anti-social manner.

Efficiency could be a useful source of profit and a useful source of help to the customer, who got a better price.

Parkinson warning to coal industry

Every strike 'lessens work prospects'

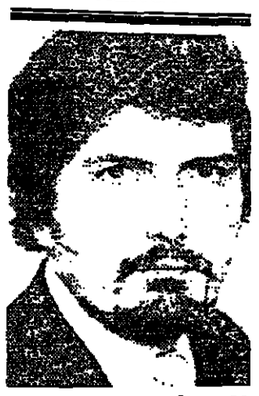
Every strike or work to rule lessened future prospects for the coal industry, **Mr Cecil Parkinson**, Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

He was replying to **Mr Gregory Knight** (North Derby, C), who said that those who worked in the coalmining industry should be grateful to this Government, not only for supporting worthwhile investment but also for helping to create an excellent economic outlook for Britain.

The biggest threat to the industry and its jobs came from those who instigated unnecessary strike action, such as Mr Arthur Scargill, and those who supported it, such as Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Parkinson said that, since 1979, the Government had provided British Coal with £9 billion of grants, with substantial loan finance, and £6 billion of that had been spent on capital investment.

ENERGY



Mr Knight: Workers should thank Government

It was important that strikes and waste were eliminated. Provided they got modern working practices to go with the modern machinery and the capital investment, he foresaw a bright future for British Coal.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab) said that much of the investment in Scotland had been in the Longannett complex and that had been endangered by the cavalier attitude of the South of Scotland Electricity Board in importing foreign coal at dump prices.

What steps had he taken to protect investment in the Scottish coalfield, which could get a return only if the coal was burnt in SSEB stations?

Mr Parkinson said that the Government was strengthening the inter-connector to England and Wales, which meant that there was a big potential market for the electricity produced from Scottish coal.

It was also encouraging Scottish miners, who had shown great good sense about the adoption of modern working practices.

Even when the investment had been made, Scottish coal was still relatively expensive, so they had to find ways of reducing costs.

He was also encouraging the two parties to get together, so the Government was doing all it could to ensure that Scottish coal had a good future.

In answer to a later question, **Mr Parkinson** said that it was the Government's ambition, though it had no plans at present, to see the whole of the energy industry returned to the private sector.

But there was a limit to what it could do at any one time and privatization of the electricity supply industry was a big enough job to be getting on with.

The Government did have ambitions for the rest of the industries for which it had responsibility.

Peers accuse Thatcher of bias

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Senior Labour peers fear that Mrs Margaret is damaging the House of Lords by a marked bias throughout her Administration against the Opposition.

Her refusal to create any more "working peers" is tilting the balance more sharply in the Government's favour in the upper House.

Labour argues that this is damaging the role of the upper House as a revising chamber because, even when the Government loses an argument, it can still win the vote.

This is despite the fact that defeats for the Government this session have been coming from the Conservative side. If those predicted on the poll-tax and education legislation materialize, they are also likely to be launched by worried Conservative backbenchers.

Labour peers are supported in their claims by the latest figures, which disclose that, although the number of Conservatives who attend the House is steadily growing, the Labour contingent is not only diminishing but also many are now so old or infirm that they can no longer be "whipped in" to vote.

Changes in number of peers since 1982

	Labour			Conservative		
	Deaths	Additions	Net ch'ge	Deaths	Additions	Net ch'ge
1982	-8	+4	-4	-15	+8	-7
1983	-7	+8	+1	-10	+24	+14
1984	-6	+2	-4	-21	+10	-11
1985	-10	+7	-3	-13	+14	+1
1986	-4	0	-4	-9	+18	+9
1987	-1	+11	+7	-13	+25	+12
Total	-39	32	-7	81	99	+18

The Prime Minister, despite the Conservatives' stance as "guardians" of the upper House, is understood to be reluctant to approve a new batch of life peers because she believes that they are liable to cause more trouble for her legislation.

The main problem stems from the continual trickle of new hereditary peers on to the Conservative benches.

While the Conservatives have in recent years gradually gained ground in the Lords, the net loss for Labour has been 26, and this in a chamber where amendments are often won or lost by a handful of votes.

Lord Cledwyn, leader of the Labour peers, has gained 31 Labour life peers and one hereditary peer since 1982. That compares with a gain for the Conservatives of 57 peers who have succeeded to their titles and taken their seats in the Lords and another 42 created by Mrs Thatcher.

In practice, Lord Cledwyn still relies on the extra peers created by Lord Wilson of Rievaulx in the mid-1970s to achieve a more balanced chamber.

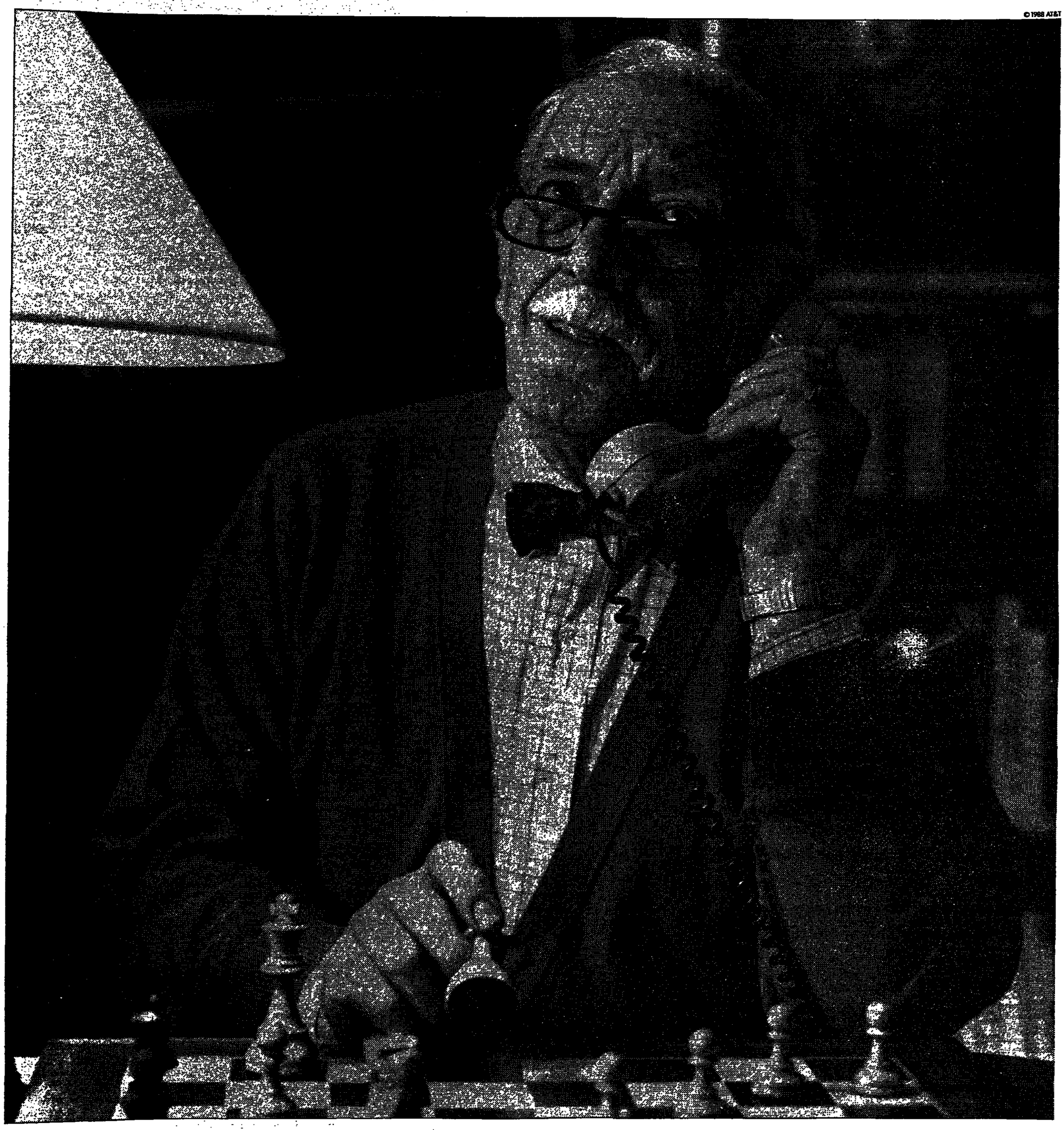
Many of these, however, are now ageing and infirm. A total of 16 are not expected ever to be well enough to return to the House of Lords.

The figures for new peers for the former Liberals and present Democratic are equally poor because Mrs Thatcher has created only five new life peers, none of them young, since 1982. Lord Tordoff, their chief whip, also has to fall back on a large number of elderly peers.

Mrs Thatcher relies increasingly on hereditary peers to man her front bench in the upper House. With the retirement of Lord Whitelaw and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, there are no former Government spokesmen who have also served in the Commons.

Whereas the other parties want new, younger, peers to help in examining legislation, the Prime Minister rarely makes use of her life peers but tends to use the honours system for rewarding service to the party.

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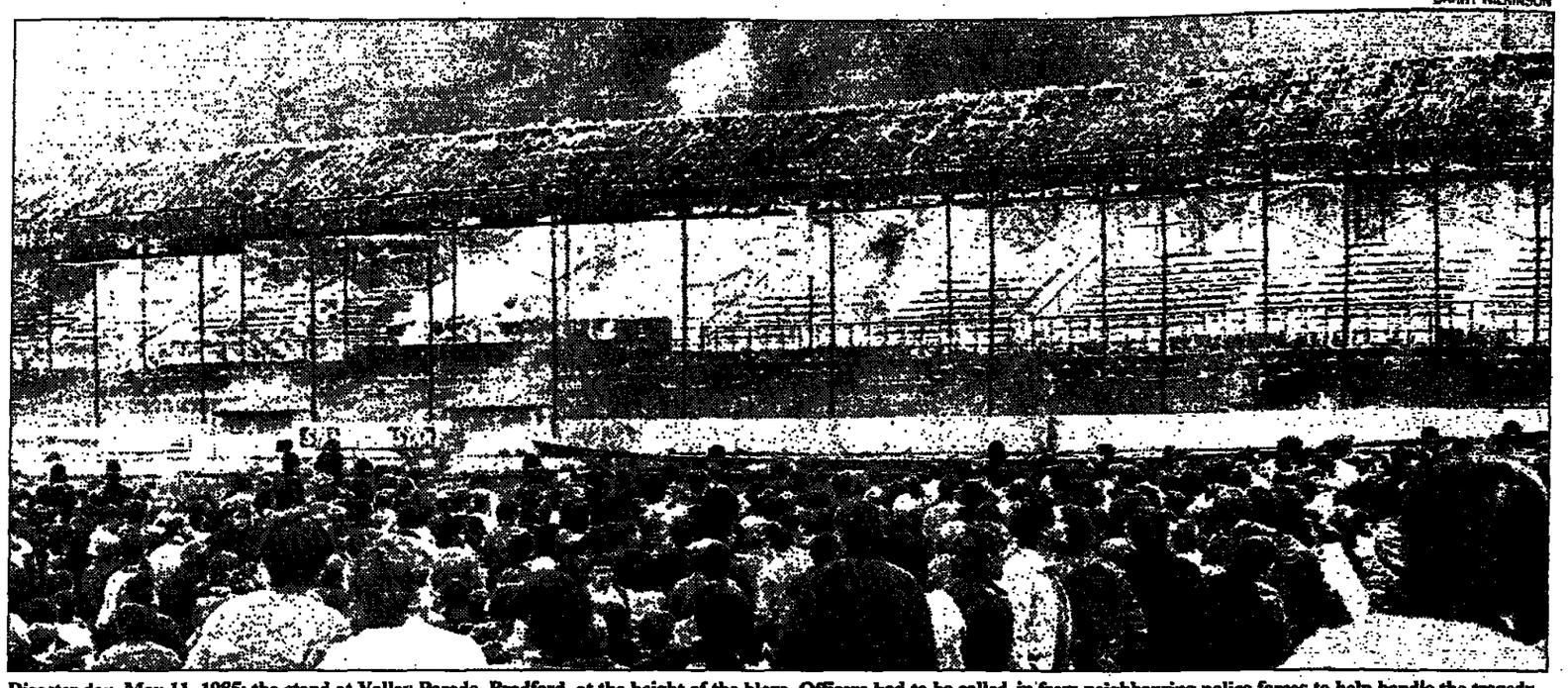
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SPECTRUM

Crying out for a disaster squad

Three years ago the Bradford fire shocked the country. After it came the tragedies of Chernobyl, Zeebrugge and King's Cross; yet our emergency services still have no national plan, reports Tony Dawe

BARRY WILKINSON



Disaster day, May 11, 1985: the stand at Valley Parade, Bradford, at the height of the blaze. Officers had to be called in from neighbouring police forces to help handle the tragedy

Just before midnight on May 11, 1985 – three years ago tomorrow – Chief Superintendent Mark Rand was called from his bed to face the most daunting task of his police career. He was asked to supervise the identification of the 56 victims of the Bradford City football stadium fire.

He was called in from neighbouring Halifax not because of any expertise but simply because he was the nearest senior officer yet to be assigned a major task in the tragedy. A match which was supposed to celebrate Bradford's promotion to the second division had ended in horror. And horror is what the Chief Superintendent felt as he faced up to his new job.

"I wanted a disaster squad to come walking in, with the personnel and expertise to advise us," he recalled. "There was no time to identify what I needed or whom to call. One needed action then.

"Having never done anything like that before, I would have welcomed the chaps from the fire tragedies at Flixborough or Summerland with open arms. The point of impact is too late for research."

Despite the Bradford fire, and even after the tragedies of Zeebrugge and King's Cross, the officers who could face the next horror are still waiting for a national disaster squad to be formed.

While most industrialized Western nations have drawn up country-wide plans involving ministers and top advisers to confront any catastrophe, Britain leaves emergency planning largely to local authorities, police forces and fire brigades.

"The lack of any national organization means there is nobody to trigger the right sort of training for those charged with handling disasters. And no one to ensure that lessons learnt from previous tragedies are passed on," Brigadier John Bettridge, principal of the Civil Defence College, the "think-tank" for wartime and peacetime emergency planning, told a recent conference.

There is not even any legal requirement for the planning to be done in the first place. The only type of potential disaster which is covered by regulations is an accident at a chemical works, petroleum refinery or similarly hazardous industrial site. The explosion at the Flixborough chemical works on South Humberside in 1974, which killed 28 people, the disaster at Seveso in Italy and other accidents in Europe forced the EEC to impose new laws which were reflected in this country in the CIMAH (Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazard) regulations.

They require manufacturers to draw up plans for emergencies on their sites and also demand that local authorities and the Health and Safety Executive plan their response to such a disaster so that rescue services can reach the plant and people living nearby can be evacuated. It is typical of disaster planning in Britain, however, that there are no official plans for handling any emergency which might occur while one of the products is being transported around the country.

Indeed, while the port of Harwich has its combined accident plan and Britain's major airports have detailed emergency arrangements, it is unclear who would take charge should a ferry run aground on the coast of a county with no plan for such a disaster or an airliner crash in a more remote part of the country. "The fire brigade would almost certainly take initial control in an air crash," said Divisional Commander Barry Unger, of the Essex fire brigade.

The dangers of leaving individual services to control major emergencies has been highlighted at the inquiry into the King's Cross Underground station fire. The London Ambulance Service control unit, "Red Major", was not sent to the scene until almost two and a half hours after the fire was reported, because the head and deputy head of the service, who would have called it out automatically, could not be contacted.

The London Fire Brigade has been criticized by Desmond Fennell, QC, chairman of the inquiry, for a breakdown in communications, partly because command at the incident passed to four different officers; one was in charge for just 60 seconds.

Dr Ken Hines, a member of one of London's accident units, has described the problems surrounding control of doctors and mobile medical teams at an emergency. "The first question to resolve is who the medical incident officer should be," he said. "A study of various disaster plans currently in use shows this person to vary between the duty gynaecological registrar, the consultant physician on duty, a medical registrar, a casualty officer, even a psychiatrist."

This shambles extends to the potential disaster which probably concerns most people in Britain: a nuclear accident. When the radioactive cloud from the Chernobyl disaster drifted across Britain, it took five and a half days before any authority assumed control.

The Department of the Environment finally accepted responsibility, and still does for "foreign" radioactivity. But the Department of Energy takes control if an accident occurs at a nuclear plant in England and Wales, the Scottish Office takes control of an incident in Scotland and the Ministry of Defence is in charge of nuclear problems at a military installation.

When the Society of County Emergency Planning Officers arranged a recent seminar on the response to a nuclear incident, it invited the Department of the Environment to send a representative. The department refused and asked the emergency planners: "What's it got to do with you?"

This "little Englander" approach to disasters will end only with the creation of a national strategy for peacetime emergencies. The majority of the many experts interviewed by *The Times* agree that the mistakes of recent years and the lack of any statutory control of disaster planning is a recipe for inefficiency and ultimately the loss of lives which could be saved.

"There must be somewhere to ring when an incident proves bigger than all of us," said Martin Sibson, president of the Society of County Emergency Planning Officers.

"If an MP put down a parliamentary question about national disaster planning, it would be passed around," said Mike Rooke, a tutor at the Civil Defence College. "No minister or team of civil servants is looking at it from an overall view. But somebody ought to be looking at the lessons learned from recent disasters at home and abroad and co-ordinating the studies of the individual emergency services."



'I wanted a disaster squad to come walking in, with the personnel and expertise'

Chief Supt Mark Rand

These voices have finally been heard in Whitehall, where the Home Office has promised to review the arrangements for disaster planning in this country. But few experts believe the Government will go far enough. Will it even consider, for example, introducing a new law to make emergency planning compulsory and provide funds for it, as recommended by a high-level seminar at the Royal Military College of Science recently?

Will it even consider appointing a national disaster co-ordinator, as recommended by Dr Richard Sturt, the Kent coroner who conducted the inquest into the 193 victims of the Zeebrugge tragedy, and Wing Commander Ian Hill, the pathologist who examined all the bodies?

They both believe that, in the same way that Barry Price, the former chief constable of Cumbria, has been appointed head of the National Drugs Intelligence Unit, one of his colleagues from the 51 other forces in the United Kingdom could become the national co-ordinator for peacetime emergency planning.

He would be charged with maintaining a national data base so that whatever piece of specialist equipment or service might be needed at a particular emergency could be located within minutes rather than days. He would be responsible for setting up a centre for the study of disasters to ensure that lessons learnt would be passed to the right people.

He would not necessarily take command of an incident in the way that the provincial governor Olivier Vanneste took control of the Zeebrugge disaster. But he would be available to give advice and could of course take command if an incident straddled county borders.

Wing Commander Hill has reflected on the difficulties since his Zeebrugge experience. He said: "I went there with no authority and therefore was able to work only because I knew personally many of the Belgians involved. We ought to be able to say 'we represent the British Government officially and want to help you to solve this problem'."

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Dry-run that noun

Quote of the week from an Australian review of Morgan's *The Oxford Illustrated History of Britain* in paperback: "It's a wonderful book, and when you consider for $22.50 you would only be able to purchase a couple of pairs of knickers and a tin whistle I would recommend buying this bargain instead." I wish I had said that. You will, Philip, you will.

English is the Lego language. We stick it together, adapt it, improvise, and ad-lib with more freedom than in any other language. That is why English is becoming the world language. One of the flexibilities we have is to use one part of speech as a quite different part. We turn nouns into adjectives, for headline brevity, or because we cannot be bothered with or do not like the existing adjective. So we say a luxury hotel, when we have luxurious, and a novelty act, when we have novel. This stringing together of a Lego-chain of attributive nouns misses opportunities for making distinctions. We write "a large picture gallery" when we could distinguish between a large gallery of pictures and a gallery of large pictures.

Another very fashionable way that we put the Lego blocks to a new use is to take a noun and turn it into a verb. There is nothing new about this process but it is more conspicuous now because of the vast increase in new nouns, created by the technology and science explosion of our new world.

To give you an example of what is going on, here is a (by no means exhaustive) list of nouns that have started to be used as verbs in the past year or two:

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

Philip Howard



To debut; to trend; to platform; to ink; to dialogue; to source; to bottom-line; to kangaroo; to black-box; to rubbish; to down-market; to dry-run; to excerpt; to back-to-back; to cog; to impact; to capsule; to shoehorn; to format (from Computerese, a turbid pond of dirty new jargon); to tempest; to author; to notice (review); to milestone; to table; to shelve; to haircut; to version; to signature; to video; to margin; to solo; to mainstream; to dimension; to dividend; to weekend; to spreadsheet; to palate; to envelope (put in an envelope); to interface (with); to colour-scheme; to brainstorm; to total (write off); to plastic (use a credit card); to ticket; to trough (eat vulgarly as a pig); to amnesty; to nickle-and-dime; to increment; to decrement; to slum; to sauce; to staff (edit a proposal); to backstop; to Hoover in; to arrow upwards; to valet; to payroll; to yardstick; to front-end; to resource; to grandstand; to target; to matrix; to timetable; to armslength; to remainder; to legend (not to pedicure, dear, but to romanticize about, make a legend of); to careerpath; to sideline; to transition; to guilt; to joint-venture; to receipt.

A different category is made by tagging the suffix *-ize* onto nouns: vectorize, bulletize, initialize, capsulize.

Quite a lot of these adapted Lego blocks are likely to be ephemeral in their new roles. Some of them are charming: for example, to plastic is more fun than paying the bill with the old credit card. Quite a lot are obfuscations by professionals to blind us with gobbledegook and impress us with their professionalism: to target, to interface, to matrix, to bottom-line. This is showing off, like the probation officer who the other day wrote a report for the magistrates stating that her client had "a proneness to impulsivity".

But if we do decide to adopt some of these nouns permanently into the Lego-box of English as verbs, by another ancient trend we shall differentiate between noun and verb either by pronunciation and accent (use and use, Cathedral close and close the door, convert the heathen and a Catholic convert), or by spelling (half and halve, cloth and clothe, device and devise).

SPECTRUM

'I consider it very important to create a new political force, to prepare people for doing more than merely demonstrating with placards'

The decision by Russian radicals to form a political party was greeted by KGB arrests at the weekend. Christopher Walker assesses the chances of the new Democratic Union and its leading sympathizer



Sergei Grigoryants, editor of *Glasnost*: the new group's founders needed his publicity skills

Ever since leading members of the Soviet Union's mushrooming collection of *niformalny*, or informal groups, emerged from the underground to hold their first legalized conference for more than 50 years in Moscow last August, it seemed only a matter of time before some would take the next logical step and form a new political party.

When the self-styled Democratic Union was declared at the weekend — half-way through a three-day conference attended by more than 100 people in three different Moscow apartments — it came as little surprise, therefore, to those who have been observing the rapid growth of an alternative political culture.

But despite the boldness of the gesture to openly challenge the monolithic power of the ruling Communist Party (and therefore immediately attract attention from the heavy hand of the KGB), the decision to set up an overtly political opposition has so far won the support only of those on the fringe of the *niformalny* movement.

The three main groupings behind the Democratic Union are regarded as among the most radical of the scores of informal groups now thriving in Moscow and the other main Soviet cities. They are "The Group of Trust between the Soviet Union and the United States" (whose members are frequently arrested for staging small street protests), "Perestroika-88" and "Democracy and Humanism".

Leading western Kremlin watchers who have been keeping a close eye on the political potential of the informal groups since the decision of some to openly back Boris Yeltsin, the sacked Moscow Communist Party chief last year, noted yesterday that most of the mainstream dissident groupings have so far distanced themselves from the new party.

"It is significant that even at these early stages, it has attracted most of its backing from the most fringe organizations, already revealing the potential for division," said a senior diplomat. "Many things of importance start from small beginnings, but I think the outside world has to recognize just how small at the moment these are. The Communist Party's monopoly of power is still safe."

In an interview with *The Times*, Boris Kagorlitski, a founding member of Socialist Initiative and one of Moscow's most energetic group members said: "We and the other main left-wing groups are not involved in the new movement in any way. There are differences of personalities and policies: I would characterize its aims as liberal, with heavy emphasis on securing a mixed economy and western-style political institutions."

The swift action of the KGB in detaining over 20 people involved with the new party for a variety of unlikely reasons was seen by official sources as immediate confirmation that the programme of the "Democratic Union" does not conform with the narrow Soviet version of "socialist pluralism" which Gorbachov is out to encourage, but whose limits have yet to be properly defined. Western envoys are convinced that the concept in no way encompasses the setting up of rival parties.

By far the best known figure associated with the new opposition grouping is Sergei Grigoryants, editor of the campaigning journal *Glasnost* and a former political prisoner, who did more than anyone else in the Soviet Union to get information about the recent mass unrest in Armenia and Azerbaijan through the tight net of the Soviet censors and into the world's media.

Grigoryants, whose offices were raided again yesterday, was seen as a sympathizer with the new party rather than one of its main organizers. "The basic thing is that its founders needed his skills as a publicist and his willingness to face up to trouble with the security authorities," a Soviet source explained yesterday.

Half Armenian by birth, and a man with limitless energy for testing the limits of *glasnost*, Grigoryants told a separate weekend meeting of editors and journalists from 30 of the unofficial publications that have sprung up here since 1985 that there was a need to bring together the fragmentary groups in order to provide a viable alternative to the one-party system.

"I consider it very important to create a new political force, to prepare people for doing more than merely demonstrating with placards. The members would attempt to spread its influence among work colleagues and acquaintances by argument and discussion," he explained. "If, after a year or two, one succeeded in convincing even one per cent, that would be a remarkable achievement."

Over the past 20 years, Soviet dissidents have several times claimed that they were forming political parties to compete with the single ruling Communist Party, but their groupings have always been broken up under the relentless pressure of the KGB and as a result of internal squabbling, which has again emerged in recent months in the form of intense rivalry between the main *niformalny* groups, some of whom have their base in Leningrad.

The Democratic Union, is seen as perhaps the most daring internal challenge to the Communist Party so far, and one which could act as an inspiration to more cautious (some might say, less foolhardy) supporters of a pluralist democracy in which a genuine freedom of expression would be permitted in place of the strictly controlled and centrally directed version which still exists under Gorbachov.

Yuri Mityunov, an official spokesman for the Democratic Union, said yesterday that the party's platform called for a new constitution that would allow a multi-party system and parliamentary democracy inside the Soviet Union. It also advocated the withdrawal of Soviet forces from the Warsaw Pact nations in Eastern Europe.

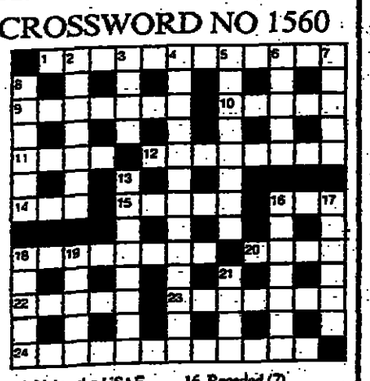
Mityunov, not previously a widely known figure, acknowledged that the Democratic Union faced tremendous odds under the one-party system, but he put on an impressively brave face for western reporters, whose interest has inevitably been much greater than that demonstrated by their Soviet counterparts. "Gorbachov must tolerate our party if he wants to transform society. He has argued that economic transformation is impossible without democratic transformation."

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6. Handicap founded in 1839 and named after a visiting prince.
7. Where, according to Johnson, a female atheist would talk you dead.
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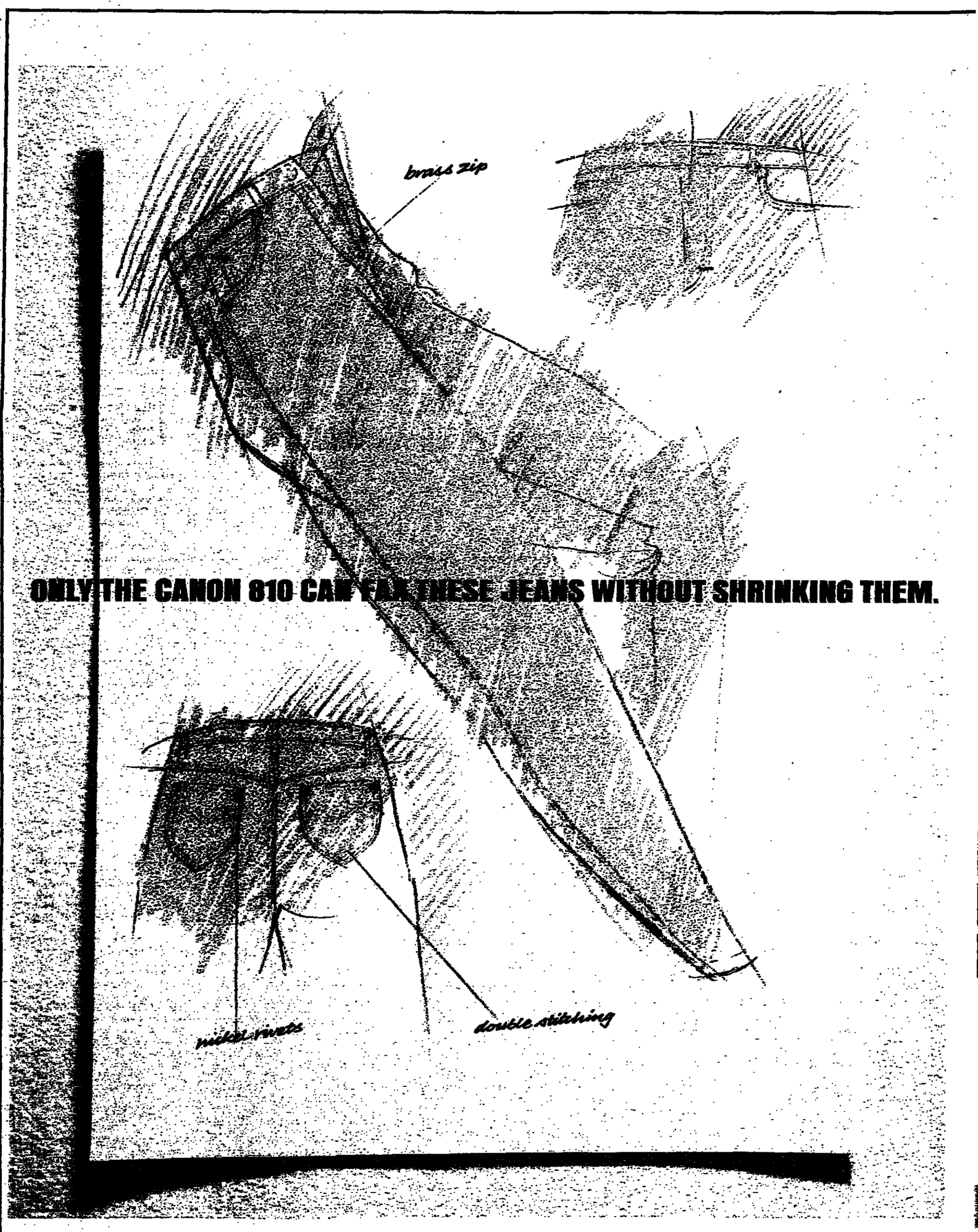
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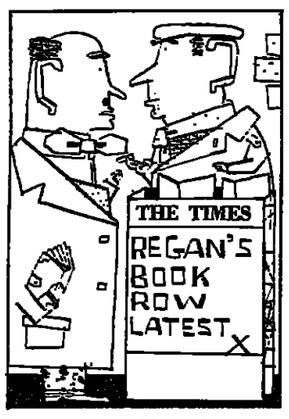
Arriving at the Hyde Park Hotel last week for the press conference given by Karoly Grosz, the prime minister of Hungary, I met an acquaintance. She was accompanied by a dissident Hungarian aching to ask Mr Grosz some questions. We went upstairs together. For some reason, I simply cannot explain why, I kept noticing Mr Grosz's complexion, which was quite radiant and plumped. I suppose I noticed because it spoke to Mr Grosz's self-confidence and it contrasted so with the chain-smoking Hungarian next to me.

The Hungarian asked his questions about 1956 and the unmarked grave of the executed leader, Imre Nage. Mr Grosz listened and replied easily. I felt painfully embarrassed. The embarrassment had to do with both the question of futility and of style. I felt awkward, I think, because no matter how right the side of one was, I was about to witness an uneven match between a seasoned politican and an awkward intellectual. The intellectual seems long-winded because he is used to another forum which requires skills very different from those needed at a press conference. He will always come off second best.

Refugee intellectuals also tend to lug around with them a sense of being aggrieved. They have been wronged, of course, but I don't think a press conference is the place to address or correct this. One simply cannot put the representative of a foreign government on trial in such a venue. My heart went out to the intellectual but I left early, my questions for Mr Grosz unasked.

Speaking of which, a Hungarian friend phoned me in a passionate froth about a conference on world literature in Lisbon last week. The British delegates, who included Jeremy Treglown, Malcolm Bradbury, Martin Amis and Salman Rushdie, had the common denominator of all complaining about the woes of living in the stifling and repressive atmosphere of Thatcher's England. This was said to the incredulous ears and raised eyebrows of delegates like Joseph Brodsky and Czeslaw Milosz, not to mention people still resident in countries where writers serve 20 or 30 years in prison for disagreeing with the regime. Rushdie's advance on his new novel, incidentally, is rumoured to be $850,000, which will have increased in value by at least 20 per cent after Mr Lawson's last uncaring budget.

BARRY FANTONI



'I suppose it's another form of Star Wars'

I was a little bemused by Cardinal Basil Hume's reassurances about the shared roots of Christianity and Judaism. He made the remarks last week when presenting the Sir Sigmund Sternberg Award to Dr Elizabeth Maxwell. It was meant generously, of course, but speaking for myself I'd quite like Christians even if they had not originally been Jews.

Dr Maxwell is organizing a conference, "Remembering for the Future", at Oxford in July at which scholars will discuss the impact of the Holocaust on Christian-Jewish relations. Her acceptance speech developed the theme that the Nazi holocaust of the Jews was "undeniably" based on the essential conflict between Christianity and Judaism, inflamed by the church's teaching of contempt for the Jews. At the end of her talk an American rabbi got up and said: "Elizabeth Maxwell, I love you."

I suddenly had the uncomfortable feeling that I was guilty of a contemporary thought crime. As I listened to the speech I concluded that viewing the Nazi holocaust in total isolation from the many other holocausts is becoming a harmful and dangerous business. It diverts attention from present holocausts and creates the impression that it is only ideologies that are specifically racist or characteristic of the extreme right that are capable of such monstrous crimes. This seems to me a fundamental misreading of the situation and leads to the sort of a-historical idea that the Nazi atrocities were some sort of monstrous deviation of Christianity. Any group of people who decide that their aspirations entitle them to override the basic tenets of humanity are separated from a holocaust only by whether or not they have the *means* to carry it out. It's time for a conference on holocausts in the plural.

Driving into Abergavenny at the weekend with a friend's daughter I listened to her lament about being washed up at 18. It's the 15-year-olds who get all the attention, she said. She didn't know wild child Emma Ridley, though it was the fashion to claim to know her. She had been to Petra Brando's fifteenth birthday party and thought it was sad because the organizers charged admission. It all made precious little sense to me, although I sensed that if our culture continued the adoration of Mandy Smith etcetera we would simply be moving back to a practice quite common in other cultures and times. We have always known that individuals come to sexual maturity somewhere between the ages of 12 and 17 but recently we have tended to choose the upper rather than the lower point to determine the socially acceptable age for sexual activity. I suppose this has condemned a section of our young people to psycho-sexual inactivity when they are, *passim* Emma Ridley, ready for it. Still, there are worse things in life, I told her, uncertainly.

Philip Jacobson on the prospects for Mitterrand's second term

French right under squeeze

Paris

Late on the night of the French presidential election, when it was abundantly clear that Jacques Chirac had gone down to catastrophic defeat, the usual assembly of prominent politicians trooped into the television studios to say their bit. In no time the insults were flying as excuses and accusations, sneers and snarls, were traded with the usual abandon of French politics when the knives come out.

For many viewers, this might have seemed an entirely appropriate obituary for Chirac's presidential ambitions. As French voters had just demonstrated so vividly, his particular brand of campaigning — all hard-edged confrontation and blatant opportunism — left a sour taste in the mouth. A great many non-Socialists evidently agreed with Pierre Mauroy, a former prime minister under François Mitterrand, that "for Chirac, too much is never enough".

So where does he go from here, still only 55 years old, still strong as a horse? That raging thirst for power that Chirac has never quite managed to keep within bounds does not disappear overnight, even in the face of electoral disaster.

The same goes for the party that Chirac formed in his own neo-Gaullist image, the Rassemblement pour la République. Where will that be heading when Mitterrand has digested his triumph and decides what to do about the present National Assembly?

Briefly, for trouble, leader and party alike. The first reactions from bastions of the traditional conservative centre as soon as Sunday's result came in merely underlined how seriously the French right has been splintered in the campaign: how precarious Chirac's position could become after his resignation as prime minister.

Take Raymond Barre, whose dire predictions about the damage that the RPR's *cohabitation* with Mitterrand would inflict on the mainstream right in France turned out to be deadly accurate. Having fought a first-round campaign which he has nothing to be ashamed of, Barre was characteristically generous about Chirac's "courageous and dynamic" effort.

Then the shooting started. How is it, Barre mused in his professorial fashion, that the conservative victory in the 1986 parliamentary elections has so quickly turned to ashes? One thing was certain: "France cannot hope to meet the challenge of the future if she surrenders to a demagogic extremism . . . which can only enfeeble and isolate her."

One barrel for Chirac, the other for Jean-Marie Le Pen? In retrospect, nothing damaged the right more than the Prime Minister's flagrant last-gasp efforts — under the direction of Charles Pasqua, the hardline Interior Minister, who ran Chirac's campaign — to win over the National Front vote. For the bulk of the moderate conservatives who had backed Barre first time — conceivably for the more squeamish wing of the RPR too — it turned out to be just too much to stomach.

True to form, Le Pen was quick to put the political boot in. Chirac's defeat, he observed with undisguised relish, was a classic case of suicide. "He thought he could replace a solid programme with spectacular coups, but he failed, and today France finds herself once again in an impasse." Le Pen's solution: all the French who truly care for "the grandeur of our country" must rally round the National Front in the sacred cause of anti-Socialism.

As his campaign amply demonstrated, Jacques Chirac, the accomplished party boss, is no great political tactician. But he certainly knows enough to realize that he and the RPR are being set up for what one French observer calls "the big squeeze" between a nervous conservative centre, already listening intently to Mitterrand's silky overtures, and the new diehards gathered around the banner of Le Pen.

Just how Mitterrand, the tactician supreme, proposes to exploit this pleasing situation remains to be seen. Some of those close to him believe that having brushed aside Chirac's challenge, he is now intent on wiping the last remnants of Gaullism from the political map of France before reshaping it to his own design.

With a sizeable majority of the nation apparently ready, even eager, for parliamentary elections, the highly personalized concept of "continuity" on which he campaigned so effectively may now be extended to the formation of the next National Assembly. Among the more cynical and realistic observers, there is already speculation that he would not welcome an equally decisive Socialist victory there.

But what a performance and what a performer! After 40 years in politics, enduring rebuffs and rejection with the same outer impassiveness as he greeted Sunday's victory, after becoming the lamest of lame duck presidents a couple of years ago, yoked to an opposition majority in parliament, Mitterrand today is monarch of (almost) all he surveys. No wonder one of the French papers carried the banner headline: "Mitterrand II".

To an outsider, it sometimes seems as if the man *The Economist* aptly called "the Merlin of France" has somehow conjured away an entire slice of the national memory. Can this be the same Mitterrand who has trimmed and turned so often in the past? Who opened the cage to let the National Front into the mainstream of French politics for the narrowest of party advantage?

The word from Mitterrand's inner circle is that with the unprecedented second term under his belt, the instinctive politician can be expected to give way to the elder statesman. The tone of his first message to the country was solemn enough, containing all the right references to solidarity, social cohesion and the coming together of the French people.

When the mood takes him, nobody weaves a better spell with such stirring themes than François Mitterrand. The contrast with Jacques Chirac, who has often said the same things yet never managed to seize the ordinary voter's imagination, does much to explain the startling result of Sunday's election. But as the habitually cautious Pierre Bérégovoy — who managed Mitterrand's campaign so well — quietly pointed out amid the jubilation: "The hard work begins now."

T.E. Utley

Wooing the Scots, impartially

The local election results in Scotland, so the Tories tell us, have failed to give any convincing evidence of a revival of Tory fortunes there. You can say that again, as the vulgar put it. They have, on the face of it, given striking evidence of a steep decline of the party's fortunes north of the border.

In terms of votes cast, the Tories came second in last year's general election, a position to which the Scottish Nationalists succeeded in the local elections. The Tories are now in third place ahead only of the Alliance.

The likelihood, therefore, is that Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues will be subjected to a renewed bombardment from Scottish Tories "in the field" to show at last some sensitivity to Scottish feeling. By this is meant to reintroduce into the Tory programme the idea of legislative devolution (a home rule Parliament for Scotland).

The constitutional objections are familiar enough not to require much elaboration here. Legislative devolution is a fundamentally unworkable system except in peculiar conditions such as prevail in Ulster in the days of Stormont, where you had a community absolutely resolved never to use its home rule powers to deviate an inch from the main lines of British government policy whatever the complexion of the British government might be.

Such would not be the demeanour of a Scottish parliament, particularly when the Tories were in power at Westminster. The result would be endless wrangling over money and constitutional lines of demarcation. This would first weaken the Union and then in all probability destroy it. As experience shows, however, this dire prognosis is no firm guarantee against the adoption of the remedy, provided, of course, it can be shown that the remedy will in future produce more Tory votes north of the border.

In reality, even this would be a poor consolation, since one consequence of legislative devolution would almost certainly be a reduction of the number of Scottish members in the Commons, which would make the value of Tory votes in Scotland rather less than it now is.

An argument more appealing to the Tory *apparatchiks*, however, is that the mere act of announcing the re-conversion of the Tory party to the devolutionary ideas with which Mr Heath saddled them would in all probability not win a single Scottish vote for Mrs Thatcher. Probably the greatest single source of contempt for the Tories in Scotland is the widespread belief that their attitude to the place is entirely opportunistic. This would be confirmed by a second *volte-face*.

If you really want legislative devolution you go for one of the parties (ie, any one of all the others) which has consistently advocated it. The evidence seems now to be pretty convincing that Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues are in fact not going to make the mistake of suddenly taking aboard legislative devolution or even making ambiguous gestures towards it. Her Secretary of State for Scotland, Malcolm Rifkind (whose opposition to legislative devolution in the past has, to put it mildly, fallen far short of the fanatical), has made a series of powerful keynote speeches on the nature of Unionism, including a particularly outspoken one at Aberdeen on April 15.



What emerged from it clearly was his current conviction that legislative devolution for Scotland, unless it were part of a total federalist or semi-federalist constitutional reorganization of the whole kingdom, would be a total disaster for the Scots and everybody else. As he put it, perhaps a little inelegantly (but ministers will be ministers), "It is inevitable that unilateral devolution for Scotland alone would lead to the provincialization of Scotland and its marginalization within the United Kingdom".

It must be supposed, therefore, that when Mrs Thatcher addresses the Scottish Conservative conference at Perth next Friday she will resoundingly reinforce Mr Rifkind's warnings. Will the cheers reach the rafters? Will thousands of Scottish Tories disgusted by the party's former ambivalence rally once more to the diehard ranks? Will it at last be said that the Tories have a clear policy for Scotland? The short answer is no.

For the awful truth is that, disastrous as legislative devolution would be, the arrangements now in force for governing Scotland are almost as bad. They are described as "administrative devolution". This means that you have a Scottish Office (headquarters in Edinburgh) with the Scottish Secretary of State in the Cabinet and a number of ministers to assist him. A whole variety of important functions have been haphazardly delegated to this office.

Its ministers are conceived to be an almost alien element in Whitehall: they are there to fight Scotland's corner, to get more money for Scotland and to see that Scotland is spared as far as possible the rougher features of Thatcherism. This curious system is hardly calculated to win hearts and minds north of the border for Tories or Unionism as a positive philosophy. It also inspires envy and resentment in other parts of the kingdom. It is a bad thing in particular that Scotland should be treated as a single unit when it comes to the distribution of largesse to industry, so that the criterion is "nation" not "need". Mrs Thatcher will have to do a lot more than confirm her rejection of legislative devolution. What will she have to do?

The answer seems to me to be admirably supplied by a pamphlet* just published. It is written by two candidates for Scottish constituencies at the last general election and Alistair Cooke, a highly reputable historian who is also deputy director of the Conservative Research Department, though here writing in a private capacity.

It calls for "positive Unionism" and, although breaking the thought gently, it would like to see the functions of the Scottish Office actually diminished.

In the distribution of regional aid, for instance, Scotland should not necessarily be treated as a unit; specific regional needs should be identified and satisfied on the same basis as similar needs elsewhere in the kingdom. Only when such needs are peculiar to Scotland as a whole should Scotland be treated separately.

The historic elements in Scotland's cultural identity — its distinctive law, its educational system and its Presbyterian religion — should not merely be respected but positively revered and advertised throughout the rest of the kingdom. Above all, the Tories should realize that within every Scotsman, with his belief in thrift, personal endeavour, the mobile society and the virtues of moral inflexibility, there lurks a Thatcherite, and that the most hopeful course for the Tories is to appeal to these instincts rather than to corrupt them by offering Scotland a cosy refuge from the supposed rigours of the Prime Minister's economic policy.

Well, if Mrs Thatcher says all that at Perth, she will at any rate make an impact. I can see only one objection: if we are to have a policy of "positive Unionism" should it not apply to the whole kingdom and, if so, what about Ulster, where she is working so strenuously for a devolved government and where her party shows marked reluctance to allow Ulstermen even to join the Conservative Party? Perhaps she will make some gesture in this direction at Perth. I wonder. If not, however, I can promise her that somebody is going to ask her why not.

*Making Unionism Positive *by Alistair B Cooke, Liam Fox and Mark Mayall* (*Centre for Policy Studies*, £2.95).

Commentary • TONY BLAIR

Bidding goodbye

Everybody knows Rowntrees and Cadburys: we have grown up with their products. The prospect that they might cease to be British-owned is therefore bound to arouse an unusual degree of public concern.

Yet the issues at stake, in what has inevitably become known as "bar wars", go much deeper than sentiment. It is no exaggeration to say that the outcome will mark a watershed in merger policy — in the Government's relationship with industry in the run-up to the Single European Market in 1992 and, consequentially, in industry's capacity to prepare itself for the next decade.

Under the Fair Trading Act, the Secretary of State for Industry can refer qualifying mergers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for an assessment of whether they may be expected to operate against the public interest.

In 1984, Norman Tebbit, then Secretary of State, said that references to the commission should be "primarily" on competition grounds only. This new doctrine was confirmed by the recent government paper on mergers. There was no basis for thinking, it said, that "the public interest typically diverges from the interests of private sector decision-makers."

The limitations of this philosophy are now under the microscope. Last week the Government was humiliatingly obliged to recognize the importance of BP, and to refer the increasing Kuwaiti stake in it to the commission. Now it must decide whether to refer Nestlé's bid for Rowntree and the General Cinema stake in Cadbury — where again British competition issues do not arise — on the same broader basis of the public interest.

The case for doing so is overwhelming. Indeed, this was so even before "bar wars". Since the 1984 shift in policy the value of successful mergers has almost trebled.

As in the case of Rowntree and Cadbury, the fate of tens of thousands of employees often hangs in the balance. They have no say, helpless pawns on the chess board of the money-brokers. The companies may be of critical importance to the economic survival of the regions in which they are located, yet that too is discounted. The time and energy of senior management, which should be directed to securing the success of the enterprise, can be dissipated in warding off hostile bids or, increasingly, simply ensuring that no bid is made.

And who are these "private sector decision-makers" in whose judgement the Government places such trust? They are the representatives of large institutional investors who usually evince not the slightest interest in any aspect of a company other than its share price; in short, the antithesis of "the public interest."

It is not even as if there is substantial evidence that mergers operate in the interest of the individual company, let alone the wider economy. The same government paper actually concluded that post-merger performance was "disappointing," and that this finding was confirmed in its "robustness" by recent independence reports.

For all these reasons, the Government's current policy on mergers should change. But there is now an additional dimension to consider. Gradually, the country is becoming conscious of 1992. From the fate of the three-point plug to the use of "foreigners" in our national football teams, we are beginning to realize how pervasive the impact of the Single European Market will be.

Should the Government adopt a passive, non-interventionist role, content to publicize the Market, but otherwise to let it take its course; or should it pursue an active, interventionist industrial policy to prepare Britain for the Market's challenge and its risks?

It is this issue which the bids for Rowntree and Cadbury exemplify. If successful, virtually an entire industrial sector will pass out of UK control. Allowing the bids to proceed without inquiry will be the clearest possible signal to Europe that we are not just open for business, but open for plunder by overseas predators whose very motives are to equip themselves adequately in advance of 1992 in the way that British companies like Rowntree have been trying to do — with precious little help from the Government. This is especially pertinent when, in the case of Nestlé or Suchard, they are themselves protected from takeover by the law of Switzerland.

Lack of reciprocity provides at least minimum grounds for a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The Government should act firmly and should act now. Failure to do so will represent the ultimate triumph of market dogma over industrial common sense.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Case proved

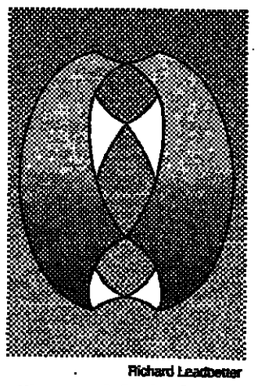
A synthetic hollow molecule shaped like a rugby football has been designed to swallow smaller molecules. The team of researchers responsible for synthesizing it suggests that similar molecules could be used to protect the molecules of individual drugs in metabolizable shells until they are eventually needed.

The new molecule — the work of a team at the University of California at San Diego and Los Angeles, led by the Nobel Laureate, Donald J. Cram — has been named a carcerand. It is one of many carefully designed macro-molecules now being used to trap and manipulate smaller molecules, both in industrial and medical applications.

The Cram team won the Nobel Prize for chemistry last year, together with Jean-Marie Lehn of the Louis Pasteur University in Strasbourg, and Charles J. Pedersen, formerly of the du Pont company, for its work on flexible molecules, called cryptands, which Cram likens to chemical potato sacks. These have chemical hooks which can latch on to the smaller molecules, much as many biological molecules are capable of doing.

The new carcerand molecule, described in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, is a barrel-shaped structure which is completely rigid and which cannot be melted or dissolved. The inside of the barrel is chemically smooth, with no binding sites for trapped molecules.

Instead, small molecules



Richard Leadbetter

rattle around freely, but are unable to escape — although there are two small orifices large enough to allow water molecules to pass through.

The design of complex molecules with such specialized structure requires forethought. Before embarking on their synthesis, chemists have to specify the precise structure they seek, often with the help of computers. But Cram prefers to use more traditional molecular models in which plastic balls represent atoms, which are joined rigidly by sticks representing chemical bonds.

His attachment to this approach is evident when he describes his carcerand molecule as being "as large as a melon capable of swallowing a grapefruit". The real molecule he describes, which consists of 172 atoms, mostly carbon and hydrogen, is perhaps only a millionth of a millimetre across, with the hollow less than half that length.

Only when a satisfactory model had been made, in which the outer shell is complete and the connections not strained, is it possible to begin planning how the molecule may be made from simpler ones.

Cram and his co-workers start by attaching short reactive molecular chains to the rims of bowl-shaped molecules called cavitands. In the final step, two cavitands are zipped together, using the reactive chains. Any molecules present at the shell closure may be trapped between the shells.

Besides being used to deliver drugs safely to patients, for which digestible carcerand shells will be needed, carcerand molecules could also be used to enhance the resolution of X-ray scanners.

Atoms of mercury or other heavy metals which scatter X-rays strongly, but which are toxic, could be encased in a harmless carcerand and, thus shrouded, could flow freely through the bloodstream to perfuse organs, making them clearly visible in X-ray photographs without harm.

Cram and his colleagues are now working on ways to make carcerands soluble for such purposes.

But the extreme durability of carcerands makes Cram wonder whether they may not have a role as "ball bearings on a molecular scale".

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NEW EVENTS OF MAY

President Mitterrand's victory is in danger of being widely and deliberately misunderstood. Mr Kinnock, as well as calling it a great victory for M. Mitterrand, which it was, described it also as a great victory for "the French socialists", which it was not.

The whole point of M. Mitterrand's strategy, during these last two years, was to detach himself from "the French socialists". That was how he secured the great victory. As we have argued before, it was always open to M. Mitterrand to spend this election campaigning, Truman-style, against the legislature for frustrating his party programme. Wisely he did not do so.

He said next to nothing in support of the policies on which he was elected in 1981, and confined himself to lofty generalities about national unity. The French were left to choose between his dignity of bearing and M. Chirac's hustling partisanship. Since they were choosing a head of state, it was no contest.

Yet the implausible version of M. Mitterrand's victory looks like becoming part of British left-wing orthodoxy. It is understandable that this version should suit a practising politician such as Mr Kinnock, who has a dire need to identify himself with socialists who win national elections. But it looks as if it will also be pressed into service by Britain's anti-Thatcher *illuminati*.

On a BBC radio programme yesterday, Miss Margaret Drabble, bemoaning life under Mrs Thatcher, saw the French result as a ground for cautious hope. "There's a wind blowing from Mitterrand's France," she advised, "and there's wind blowing from Schleswig-Holstein."

There's a wind blowing from M. Le Pen too — a huge 22 per cent of whose first round vote went to M. Mitterrand on the second round. But Miss Drabble understandably ignored that, incompatible as it is with her thesis. In politics, winds are treacherous and wayward forces.

In Schleswig-Holstein they did indeed blow the opposition party in to power, but only after the Conservative leader had committed suicide — a propaganda advantage which Miss Drabble cannot routinely be expected to have on her side. In any case, Schleswig-Holstein, with its farmers and small towns, is an unpromising part of Europe on which to base any hopes for a coming socialization of the Continent.

So now is France. The Mitterrand tactics prove it. Had he any attachment to socialism, or believed it to have any electoral mileage left in it, he would not have treated it so casually. By not campaigning on a socialist platform in this election, he has frustrated the left just as ruthlessly as, at the Metz party congress in 1979, he frustrated the revisionist M. Rocard, and the social democratic wing of the party, when they were the ones who wanted to rid themselves of the left. M. Mitterrand needed the left then to secure Communist votes on the second round of the contest with M. Giscard d'Estaing in 1981. He would worry about ditching the Communists once he became President.

The presidency was won, and the Communists — by being manoeuvred into resigning when his Government jettisoned various socialist policies — were duly ditched. But by then, on account of that socialism, he was — according to the opinion polls — the most unpopular President in the history of the Fifth Republic. He set about surviving by turning himself into a President above party for 1988.

In doing so, he even conjured up an extra party to be above. The new strength given to M. Le Pen's National Front by M. Mitterrand's introduction of proportional representation for the 1986 Assembly elections is now well known. It must be made to stay that way. It must always be remembered as a classic of electoral cynicism.

M. Mitterrand has fragmented the French right just as surely as Mrs Thatcher, last June, fragmented the British left. But there is a crucial difference in the way the two politicians did it. Mrs Thatcher divided her opponents by pressing on with the policies on which she was elected, enduring years of public unpopularity from the electorate and private disloyalty from colleagues, then seeing the policies endorsed hugely at two general elections — and grudgingly accepted by the Bryan Goulds among her opponents the moment the latest of those elections was over.

M. Mitterrand divided his opponents by stealth and guile — a less heroic method. The outcome for both countries, however, has been partly the same in that socialism has been removed from the agenda. Not that this is much consolation for the respectable French right. But, then, its beaten candidate of last Sunday cut a sorry figure. M. Chirac only feebly embraced tax-cutting and privatization, and his fall at the feet of the hostage-takers just before Sunday's voting made M. Mitterrand's more routine deviousness look harmless.

A President Chirac would also have had Gaullist delusions and would have disrupted the European Community so as not to appear outdone by an Anglo-Saxon such as Mrs Thatcher. M. Mitterrand may not be a socialist, but he is an old radical, an internationalist and a good European. He may not have deserved to win, but M. Chirac deserved to lose.

M. Mitterrand's victory was celebrated in Paris on Sunday night by the sort of young people who, 20 years ago to the week, would have been tangling with the SRS in those *évenements du Mai* which are at present the subject of lengthy reminiscence on British radio and television. Sunday was a rare recorded case of a youthful protest vote going to a head of state. The young threw champagne at one another rather than paving stones at the police — a sign of the durability of the Fifth Republican institutions which their predecessors tried to overthrow, which M. Mitterrand once denounced, and which have now granted him a personal triumph on which we offer congratulations.

THE PARTIES OF MOSCOW

If anyone in Moscow had said, even three years ago, that he had set up a political party in opposition to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, two events would have been sure to follow. The author of the statement would have been arrested forthwith and probably consigned to a psychiatric hospital for his inadequate grasp of reality. The same person would, just as rapidly, have become a hero in the West: someone born and educated within the Soviet single-party system had publicly uttered the unthinkable — that the CPSU should be opposed.

It is a measure of the progress made during Mr Gorbachov's time as party General Secretary and the perception of that progress in the West that neither has so far come to pass. This is not to say that the 100 or so people who gathered in Moscow at the weekend to form the Democratic Union will not be charged or subjected to KGB harassment in subsequent weeks. Some were detained for passport offences as they left the meeting place. But the authorities may be learning that discouragement, backed up by intimidation, is less provocative and less damaging in the long-term than brute force.

Western observers have accustomed themselves to a Soviet Union where such things can happen. Indeed, the new group has been regarded in the West as just another of the many informal lobby groups that have sprung up in recent years. For this, Mr Gorbachov and his advisers can thank their gamble that the more "normal" such developments become, the less attention they attract abroad. In this respect, the pay-off from the policy of *glasnost* has been excellent.

Yet the establishment of an opposition party, however short its life proves to be, is extraordinary. For 100 people from different parts of the Soviet Union to gather in a Moscow flat with that single aim in view is extraordinary. The single legitimate party is the foundation on which the Soviet state rests. Too much proceeds from that idea for the challenge to be seen by the Party hierarchy as anything other than a threat to its authority.

True, the founders of the Democratic Union had a semi-official basis for believing that persecution would not automatically follow their action. Mr Gorbachov himself has spoken of the disadvantages faced by the single party in a one-party state in regulating itself. A recent broadcast on Moscow radio described a multi-party system in the USSR as "theoretically possible". Mr Gorbachov might also prefer the "opposition", of whatever hue, to be out in the open for his own political reasons. It is in his interest to know just how deep opposition to the present system runs and how daring its ideas.

These are special times in the Soviet Union. In a little over six weeks' time, the Soviet Communist Party is due to hold a special conference. Increasingly, it is seen as the gathering which will make or break Mr Gorbachov's policies — greater democracy for the Soviet Union among them. For a while, almost any group in the Soviet Union, however few its adherents and however unlikely its platform, is claiming a right to speak and to be heard. That is a positive development in itself. But the success of that conference, both for Mr Gorbachov and for the policy of *glasnost* must be judged by whether this spirit of debate persists afterwards, and if it does, for how long.

Light and air

From Captain J. E. Austin
Sir, Further to the letter (May 2) by the Director of the Civic Trust referring to aero-generators, back in the very early thirties, whilst on a school holiday to Cornwall, we visited Land's End. The weather was fine and clear with a south-westerly wind of 15 mph, according to our hand-held anemometer.

The master suggested the feasibility of a construction to generate electricity using wind power only and suggested that during the next term we should develop some ideas.

Using Meccano — the old nickel-plated sets — we made something resembling a Dutch windmill, mounted on a circular toothed rack, allowing the whole to move freely to face the wind.

Eventually, three 4.5V torch bulbs were lighting our darkened room, though had the project been better thought out and designed on a scientific basis, results might have been better.
Yours sincerely,
J. E. AUSTIN,
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Chryston,
Glasgow, G69 9EL.
May 2.

Songs for all seasons

From Mr John Hart
Sir, Recent rail journeys around England have shown me that the youth of Britain, when travelling *en masse*, enjoys nothing more than drinking endless cans of beer and attempting to sing songs. I say attempting since it is painfully obvious to anyone in the same carriage that their repertoire extends only to tuneless football chants of "Here we go, here we go" and the first lines of such generally inappropriate songs as "Auld Lang Syne".

Surely now, Sir, with the advent of Mr Baker's national curriculum is an opportunity to do away with this cacophony. As a starting point the secretary of state could well take the example of France. There, schoolchildren of all ages possess a large number of charming songs, with regional variations, which serve them well on joyful occasions as well as when they are stuck in seamen's strikes at Channel ports. Indeed, it seems their schools even teach them to sing, something which can hardly be the case in our educational establishments.

To encourage Mr Baker in this pleasant task perhaps your readers would care to suggest some song titles which he might then find a slot for in amongst the computer studies and life-skill programmes.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN HART,
7A River Bank,
Hampton Court, Surrey.
April 26.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Age as a bar to the bench

From Sir Jeffrey Petersen
Sir, My own effort to volunteer for the local bench met virtually the same reception as that of Mr O'Leary (May 5) except that no reply to it, either courteous or dismissive, was received.

The "methuselaphobia" apparently rampant in the Lord Chancellor's Department is the more puzzling when one contemplates the tenacity in office of the Lord Chancellor's predecessor. Or is it?
Yours faithfully,
JEFFREY PETERSEN,
Crofts Wood, Petham, Kent.
May 5.

From Mrs M. W. Grayson, JP
Sir, Mr Terence O'Leary makes a good point regarding the age beyond which a person will not be appointed a JP. At present there is, on some benches, a marked imbalance between the sexes, the women JPs considerably outnumbering their male colleagues. This is partly due, I believe, to employers' reluctance to allow employees the requisite amount of time off to train and sit as a JP without that adversely affecting their career prospects.

Might not the imbalance between the sexes on benches be lessened by appointing experienced and necessarily leisured retired men even if they are in their late fifties or beyond? If it is argued that they would not be able to serve on the bench for a sufficiently long period because of the present compulsory retirement age for a JP of 70, why not extend the retirement age, in line with professional judges, who retire at 75, or 72 in the case of circuit judges?

I meet fit, active and greatly experienced JPs who are about to have, regretfully, to retire from the bench and crown court service on reaching 70.
Yours faithfully,
WENDY GRAYSON,
As from: 1 Brick Court,
Temple, EC4.
May 5.

From the Head Master of St Peter's School, York
Sir, My wife was a magistrate in Bristol for three years prior to our coming to York in 1985. She was too junior by two years for an automatic transfer to the York bench, and she regrets her failure yet to be appointed.

She has been told that the Lord Chancellor's Department has a quota for those "in education". As someone who has never been a teacher, she rightly considers that it is her husband who is "in education" and not her.
Yours faithfully,
ROBIN PITTMAN, Head Master,
St Peter's School, York.
May 5.

From Mr Nigel Louth
Sir, It seems anomalous that the Lord Chancellor's Department consider anyone past the age of 60 to be too old to be appointed as a magistrate, whilst at the same time appointing a 62-year-old to head the Legal Aid Board (report, May 5).
Yours sincerely,
NIGEL LOUTH,
115 Dawlish Road, E10.
May 5.

Taxing widow's mite

From Mrs Elizabeth S. Dougal
Sir, I am a widow of 89 and worked to age 75. My weekly income is 85p over income support level, which results in £1.25 being deducted from housing benefit, an effective tax rate of 147 per cent.

Surely this anomaly and gross injustice, which will not be alleviated by the concessions announced last week (reports, April 28, 29), was never intentional? It could be simply avoided by ignoring the first £1 of extra income.
Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH S. DOUGAL,
1 The Crescent,
Bicester, Oxfordshire.
May 1.

Moulders of form

From Mr R. W. Ramage
Sir, It surprises me that readers of your paper should worry about male fashion in clothing (letter, May 3). I was brought up to and still do believe that, whereas ladies may choose to dress fashionably, all that is required of a gentleman is that he dresses correctly.

He does so by adhering instinctively to British Absolute Standards, which, although they may be admitted to evolve over decades, owe nothing to fashion. I find that, in my unfashionable circles, BAS survive well, notwithstanding a minor setback some years ago, when van Heusen discontinued the manufacture of style 11 collars.
Yours faithfully,
R. W. RAMAGE,
Melrose, 72 Boundary Lane,
Congleton, Cheshire.
May 3.

Merrier then?

From Dr Magnus Pyke
Sir, Mr John West (May 6) drew our attention to Pepys's comment on the dancing milkmaids on May Day, 1665. But he did not mention that on April 30, 1665, Pepys's entry concluded:

Great fears of the Sicknesse here in the City, it being said that two or three houses are already shut up. God preserve us all.

Merrier then?
Yours faithfully,
MAGNUS PYKE,
3 St Peter's Villas, W6.
May 6.

A coroner's joy in treasure trove

From HM Coroner for North Buckinghamshire
Sir, Patrick O'Hanlon writes on May 3 ("All that glisters is not treasure trove") that "tales of hidden treasure have a perennial thrill as the country's estimated 250,000 metal-detector users know". That thrill certainly extends to me as one of her Majesty's coroners for Buckinghamshire, for, over a three-week period in September, 1987, three young men using metal detectors found 627 Roman silver denarii. This was on the site of a previous hoard, declared treasure trove by a jury in 1967, and both finds must be added together to gauge their importance. The coins reported to me were mostly in exceptional condition, were virtually pure silver, and spanned the rule of Mark Antony, 32 BC, to Commodus, AD 192. They were found in a field near the Watling Street between Bletchley and Little Brickhill. The majority of the pot in which they were found was tendered in evidence to the jury.

Coroners have been county law officers since early medieval times, when their inquests were an important source of revenue to the King's Exchequer. They enquired into those who had been outlawed, those who had sought sanctuary of a church or cathedral to escape punishment, into finds of concealed gold and silver, and into those persons who had died a sudden and unnatural death. Each enquiry exacted an amercement, or fine and sale of the object causing death.

I do not feel treasure trove law is "in a mess" as stated in your article. It needs expanding to include all objects of antiquity and archaeological interest which must be reported. This is a matter of public interest; the office of coroner has been concerned with enquiries into such matters for some 800 years and is well equipped for an expanded enquiry.

In conclusion, Sir, I have only the highest praise for those metal-detector users who have appeared in my courts, for, without their endeavours, I doubt there would have been an inquest. And what a joyful contrast to one's normal enquiry!
Yours truly,
RODNEY CORNER,
HM Coroner for North Buckinghamshire,
15 Market Square,
Winslow, Buckingham.
May 5.

Press Council choice

From the Chairman and the Director of the Press Council
Sir, It is odd that a complaint about "secrecy" surrounding the selection of a new chairman of the Press Council (report, May 9) is made in direct quotation marks by "a senior industry source" who evidently prefers not to be named. His or her comments are as ill-informed as they are ironic.

By the Press Council's constitution since 1963 its independent chairman must be a person otherwise unconnected with the press. Since 1976, to maintain the confidentiality which is necessary when approaching distinguished men and women who might become chairman but are unlikely to relish becoming known as failed would-be chairmen or as, say, "only the fourth choice as chairman", the Press Council has had an agreed procedure.

This, introduced with the support of all its constituent bodies who represent the industry and fund the council, is to instruct a special committee confidentially to find and recommend a new chairman.

So far from having no voice in the search and selection, the constituent bodies — including the two named in your report — appoint the members to conduct it and suggest names for consideration. The committee consists of a press member or a consultative member (officials of the bodies) of the council chosen by each organisation; the vice-chairmen, who represent their parent organisations; the current chairman; and one public member of the council invited by the chairman.

The committee conducting the search this time is Sir Zelman Cowen, the chairman; Mr T. P. Watson and Mr David Ensor, joint vice-chairmen, both nominees of the Newspaper Society on the Press Council; Mr Louis Kirby, appointed to the committee by the Newspaper Publishers Association; Mr F. P. M. Johnston, appointed by the Scottish Newspaper Proprietors' Association, who is also senior vice-president of the Newspaper Society; Mr Robert Smith, appointed by the Scottish Daily Newspaper Society; Mr G. G. Collard, appointed by the Guild of British Newspaper Editors; Mr Cyril Bainbridge, appointed by the Institute of Journalists; Mr M. J. Finley, executive director of the Periodical Publishers Association; and Mrs Pamela Ormerod, a public member.
Yours etc,
ZELMAN COWEN, Chairman,
KENNETH MORGAN, Director.
The Press Council,
1 Salisbury Square, EC4.
May 9.

Voting at Lambeth

From the Bishop of Chichester
Sir, Your leading article of April 30, headed "To Canterbury", raises an important question about the Lambeth Conference and its authority. The Anglican Communion consists of 28 independent self-governing provinces and six extra-provincial dioceses. Hitherto, at Lambeth conferences, voting has been by bishops as a whole and the resolutions passed have been majority decisions having no more than the authority that various provinces chose, individually, to attach to them.

If, as you appear to suggest, authority is now to be attached in such wise that those who disagree with resolutions must either conform or leave then the question arises whether this form of voting is proper.

The number of bishops in the various provinces differs greatly and is not directly related to the number of church members. The latest figures available to me show that there will be a total membership of the conference of 563. That includes lay and clerical members of the Anglican Consultative Council and bishops of other churches in communion with the Anglican Communion.

The number of Anglican bishops will be 496. Of those 149 come from one province, the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. There will be 63 bishops from the Church of England, 34 from Canada, and 30 from Australia, which means that the bishops of four provinces will be able to outvote all the bishops of the other 24, if the previous practice is followed.

That must call into question whether decisions made by such a method can have the authority that your leading article suggests.
Yours faithfully,
†ERIC CICESTR:,
The Palace,
Chichester, West Sussex.
April 30.

Lebanese complaint

From the Ambassador of the Republic of Lebanon
Sir, I am writing in reply to your editorial, "In and out of Lebanon" (May 4). A clarification of Lebanon's position may help to correct any misunderstanding among your readers.

Since last Monday, the Israeli army and its backed militia, the so-called "South Lebanon Army", under the pretext of a search for guerrillas, carried out a ruthless campaign of intimidation, terror and harassment against numerous villages in the south of Lebanon. Three mechanised battalions with air support not only breached the sovereignty of an independent State (Israel has been breaching the sovereignty of Lebanon without interruption since 1978) but also showed disregard for the United Nations force responsible for the area.

The repeated aggression of the Israeli army and its show of strength have exacerbated the situation and led to a substantial increase of violent incidents along the border. Acts of resistance will continue and increase in number and scope as long as the Israeli army occupies parts of Lebanon.

The Lebanese Government has lodged numerous complaints with the Security Council following similar attacks, demanding the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon and the deployment of Unifil (United Nations International Forces in Lebanon) along the internationally recognised borders to ensure security.

There is enough turmoil in the region without its gratuitous exacerbation brought about by this indiscriminate action against innocent people. The pacification of the border area, whose people have been suffering for too long, might still be possible were Israel to adhere to UN resolutions and were she to withdraw totally from the so-called "security zone" which is imposed on the sovereign territory of an independent State, and is considered to be ineffective by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as stated by a spokesman commenting on the attack.

Furthermore, to achieve peace and stability in the Middle East, Israel has to withdraw also from all other Arab occupied territories.
Yours sincerely,
AHMED EL-HAJJ,
Embassy of the Republic of Lebanon,
21 Kensington Palace Gardens, W8.
May 5.

Douche technik

From Mr S. J. Priestley
Sir, James Page-Roberts (May 5) applauds generous motorists who spray his car windscreen from in front. But will he also spare a thought for us poor motor cyclists who, on the finest of sunny days, are regularly douched by motorists in their vain attempts to squirt the remains of impacted invertebrates from the surface of their windscreens.
Yours faithfully,
STEVE PRIESTLEY,
High Mead, Arford Common,
Headley, Hampshire.
May 5.

From Mr T. R. Simmons
Sir, Mr Page-Roberts is more appreciative than was the driver of the car adjacent to mine at a red traffic light some years ago. When I sought to wash my windscreen, the left side jet proved to be misaligned and sped its contents straight through his open window into his right eye.

Fortunately the lights turned green — and I had the faster car.
Yours faithfully,
T. R. SIMMONS,
38 Cambridge Road, SW11.

More light for Finance Bill

From Sir Anthony Jacobs
Sir, You rightly draw attention (report, May 6) to the Tax Law Consultative Bodies' report, which says that MPs should be able to take evidence from outside experts before they vote on the Finance Bill. It is clear that the consequences of major changes in tax legislation, such as the abolition of 100 per cent capital allowances in 1984 and the dramatic changes in capital gains tax in this Budget, give rise to grave problems and indeed may be the cause of some injustice which neither the Government nor the Inland Revenue actually intend.

I myself was successful in 1984 in persuading the Government and the Inland Revenue to amend their Finance Bill, resulting in an annual reduction in corporation tax for UK companies of £30 million. The Revenue in particular were very helpful, but the difficulty arises for those wanting to bring serious anomalies to the attention of the Revenue and the Government as to how one can obtain access to the necessary experts.

It would be most helpful if the Government would consider allowing the Inland Revenue to appoint a small committee of their own experts to be available for consultation immediately following the Budget until the completion of the Finance Bill. This would certainly be welcomed by accountants and tax lawyers, who often recognise very quickly serious unintended anomalous situations which could easily be corrected before the Finance Bill is passed, but which can cause untold problems if left for correction until the following year.
Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY JACOBS,
9 Nottingham Terrace, NW1.
May 6.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 10 1910

Edward VII, who had died aged 68, suffered from "smoker's throat". Sir Philip Magnus, in his biography, mentions the king's fear of cancer, from which his sister, the Empress Frederick, and brother, the Duke of Edinburgh, had died. The king had great faith in the use of radium and persuaded Sir Ernest Cassel, his financial adviser, and Lord Iveagh to found a radium institute in London

THE CAUSE OF DEATH

The *British Medical Journal*, in an article in the current issue on the death of the King, says:-

From a medical point of view the case was perfectly simple, and the stopping of the machinery of life was due to causes about which there is nothing doubtful or mysterious. We think it necessary to point this out, since the appearance on the bulletins of the name of a leading laryngologist gave rise to a revival of unfounded rumours which were current even before the deceased Monarch came to the Throne. Professor St. Clair Thomson had, however, attended him on several occasions during the last 18 months; before that time Sir Felix Semon had often been called on to advise the King about his throat; it may be added that more than 20 years ago he had beeen seen by the late Sir Morell Mackenzie.

For years the King had suffered from emphysema and a tendency to more or less acute bronchitis, with the usual symptoms of distressing and ineffective cough and difficulty of breathing. There was crepitation at the basis of both lungs, indicating a chronic impediment to the free passage of air in the smaller bronchial tubes. He was subject to attacks of laryngitis, producing a slight spasm of the vocal chords: but, except for some inflammatory thickening at the hinder part of the glottis and chronic catarrh of the throat, there was, we are in a position to state, no trace of disease in the upper air passages.

The King, in short, had what is known as a smoker's throat, and this and the congestion and the thickening due to this cause, combined with the loss of elasticity in the lungs, made it increasingly difficult for him to clear his chest. The strain thrown upon the heart by the obstruction to the passage of blood through the lungs caused by the collection of secretion in the bronchial tubes had its natural sequel in dilatation of the right ventricle, and the actual cause of death was heart failure due to the increasing difficulty in the pulmonary circulation. It was, in short, a case of a type seen every day in thousands of elderly persons.

The cause of death in such cases is purely mechanical, the action of the overladen heart being gradually stopped by increasing resistance in the lungs. Could the King have been induced to spare himself more he would probably have lived many years longer. His Majesty had indeed suffered from glycosuria of varying degree for a long time, but this did not, as far as can be judged, tend to the shortening of his life. Another condition which must have caused considerable discomfort at times was a certain weakness in the abdominal wall at the site of the operation for appendicitis which was performed in 1902.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 9: The Duchess of York this afternoon opened the new Headquarters of the Herefordshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs (Chairman, Mrs. Alison Hope).

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Captain Thomas Dunne).

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, 14th/20th King's Hussars, this morning opened the new Regimental Museum in Preston and afterwards visited the Home Headquarters of the Regiment in Preston.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Mr. Simon Towneley) and the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General Sir Michael Palmer).

The Princess Royal was subsequently entertained at luncheon by the Chairman, Lancashire County Council (Councillor L. Proos) at County Hall, Preston.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs. Richard Carew-Pole, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips this evening attended a dinner to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Agricultural Society of England at the Porter Tun Room, Chiswell Street, Brewery, London EC1.

Mrs. Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

May 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this morning at a Parade in Windsor to mark the 20th Anniversary of the granting of the Freedom of the Borough to the Brigade of Guards.

Her Majesty subsequently honoured the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor W.W. Cooley) with her presence at luncheon at the Guildhall.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt. and Captain Giles Bassett were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 9: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a dinner to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Agricultural Society of England at the Porter Tun Room, Chiswell Street, Brewery, London EC1.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

May 9: The Duke of Kent today visited Warburg Securities at 1 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Annual Dinner of The Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1.

Captain Charles Page and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir John Ainley, former Chief Justice of Kenya, 82; Mr W.F.N. Bischoff, group chief executive, Schroders, 47; Sir David Brown, former chairman, Aston Martin Lagonda, 84; Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 52; Lord Collison, 79; Miss Monica Dickens, writer, 73; Mr J.R.S. Dugdale, Lord Lieutenant of Salop, 65; Major-General Edward Furstdon, defence consultant, 63; Sir Edward Gardner, QC, former MP, 76; Lord Justice Kelly, 68; Sir Ewart Levy, 91; Mr Richard Lewis, concert and opera singer, 74; Miss Maureen Lipman, actress, 42; Sir William Lithgow, industrialist, 54; Lord Justice Mustill, 57; Sir David Orr, chairman, British Council, 66; Sir Angus Paton, civil engineer, 83; Mr Bruce Raymond, jockey, 45; Dr Michael Shea, former Press Secretary to The Queen, 50; Lord Smith, 74; the Duke of Sutherland, 73; Mr Denis Thatcher, 73; Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, former matron-in-chief and director, Army Nursing Service, 78.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Hon Mrs Hurd were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House to mark the retirement of Baroness Platt of Writtle as Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission. Among those present were: Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, Mrs Joanna Foster, Mrs June O'Dell, Mr Alan Hart, Mr Austin Wilson, Mr Richard Fries and Mr Martin Hill.

Britain-Bermuda Society

Sir Peter Gadsden, Chairman of the Britain-Bermuda Society, presided at the annual luncheon held yesterday at Guildhall.

Nature Notes

Last year, nature was a week later than usual; this year, it is about a week earlier than average. In holes in trees, young starlings are already making a shrill, rhythmical churring sound, and the brown fledglings will soon be out on the grass. Their parents feed them assiduously; recently many have been reported catching flies in the air, like clumsy swallows. Summer visitors are still coming in. Garden warblers are appearing in city parks on their way to quieter woodland. Pied flycatchers sometimes stop and sing on passage to their strongholds in the oak woods of Wales and the north of England.

Many flowers that normally belong to mid-May are already in bloom. Meadow buttercups are tall and abundant. Broom is in flower, and the red stems and pink flowers of herb robert are common in the woods: the flowers lift their heads in the sun, but droop at night or in dull weather. DJM

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, President of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, will attend a service at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 3.00; and a reception at St James's Palace at 4.40.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of Birthright, will open the Birthright Mother and Child Exhibition at the Lefevre Gallery, Bruton Street, at 6.30.

The Princess Royal will visit the East Malling Research Station at East Malling, Maidstone, at 10.30; St Botolph's, Aldgate, at 12.15; and, as Chancellor of London University, will visit Heythrop College, 11-13 Cavendish Square, at 2.00.

Princess Margaret, President of the Royal Ballet, will attend a performance of *Ondine* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, at 7.20 in aid of the Benesh Institute of Choreology and the Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend a meeting of the Ladies Guild of the Ophthalmic Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, Grosvenor Crescent, at 10.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open Seaton and District Hospital, Devonshire, at 2.40; and will visit Marshlands Day Centre for the Elderly, Seaton, at 3.50.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Spastics Society, will visit Beaumont College, Lancaster, at 11.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend the annual presentation of awards of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at the Festival Hall at 2.05.

Anniversaries

Births: Jean Lannes, Duc de Montebello, Marshal of France, Lectours, 1769; Augustin-Jean Fresnel, physicist, Broglie, France, 1788; James Bryce, 1st Viscount Bryce, historian and diplomat, Belfast, 1838; Benito Galdos, novelist, Las Palmas, Canary Islands, 1843; Sir Thomas Lipton, Bt, merchant and yachtsman, Glasgow, 1850; Gustave Stresseman, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate, 1926, Berlin, 1878; Karl Barth, theologian, Basel, 1886.

Deaths: Louix VX of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1774; George Vancouver, explorer, Richmond, Surrey, 1798; Paul Revere, American patriot, Boston, Massachusetts, 1818; Katsugawa Hokusai, artist, Asakusa, Japan, 1849; Thomas Jonathan Jackson ('Stonewall'), Confederate general in the American Civil War, Chancellorsville, Virginia, 1863; Sir Henry Stanley, explorer, London, 1904; Joan Crawford, New York, 1977; J B Morton ('Beachcomber'), humorous journalist, Worthing, 1979.

The Indian Mutiny began, 1857.

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Cosmic science

Secrets in the dust of the solar system

Christopher Follett

Scientists at the University of Copenhagen's Institute of Geophysics are analysing 20 tonnes of cosmic dust collected last Summer by a month-long Franco-Danish scientific expedition to Greenland in search of new information about the nature and age of the solar system.

The 13-member team, led by Danish glacialist Claus Hammer, discovered some of the richest and best preserved mines of cosmic dust – including previously unknown particles from space – found so far on a glacier near Sondre Stromfjord in the south-west of icebound Greenland, Denmark's Arctic territory, and the world's biggest island.

An estimated 10,000 tonnes of extra-terrestrial material falls from space on to the Earth's surface every year and the discovery in Greenland's ice cap melt zone of large, well-preserved meteorite deposits is expected to help scientists to plot the fall of cosmic debris on our planet over a 10,000-year period.

"Space particles fall uniformly on the unpolluted interior of Greenland, where they are buried and mixed into the ice and thus further our knowledge of the solar system", Hammer said.

"During a period of thousands of years, the glacial ice-flow carries this cosmic dust out towards the island's coastal zones, where the debris is liberated in the summer when the ice melts."

The dust is visible as a dark sediment at the bottom of the blue lakes that form in Spring and Summer in hollows in the Greenlandic glaciers' surface. Most of the extra-terrestrial material comes from meteoroids, the debris from collisions between larger planetary bodies, passing comets, and shooting stars.

Most fascinating for the Danish and French scientists are the minute glassy meteorite spheres and unmelted iron-nickel particles of cosmic waste retrieved from Greenland's inland glaciers for the first time in such good condition – most meteoric waste burns up in the Earth's atmosphere before landing, fusing the metals contained in it.

These cometary materials could, scientists hope, yield new information about the giant gas clouds that eventually condensed into the solar system as we now know it.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES

The story of Sophonisba was first told by Livy in his account of the Punic Wars and became a popular subject with artists in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Sophonisba was the daughter of the Carthaginian general Hasdrubal, whose husband sent her a cup of poison rather than deliver her into the hands of the Roman leader Scipio Africanus.

In Tiepolo's The Death of Sophonisba, generally dated around 1755-1760, Sophonisba has already drunk the contents of the poisoned cup and swoons into the arms of two maid-servants, while to one side a pageboy looks on.

In this picture, on show as part of the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection sponsored by The Times at the Royal Academy until June 12, Tiepolo reveals himself as a true disciple of Veronese.

The costume of the figures, the rich and luminous colours, even the gleaming whiteness tinged with pink of the neo-Palladian architecture seen through the archway are all indebted to the example of Tiepolo's great Venetian predecessor.

But Tiepolo is no slavish imitator, and the lightness of touch that is essential to such a painting is not found in the works of the great Renaissance masters.



Royal Academy annual dinner

Royal Academy of Arts

The Duke of Kent and the Duchess of Kent, who was a speaker, attended the annual dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts held last night at Burlington House.

Mr Roger de Grey, PRA, presided, and the other speakers were Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, and Mr Jocelyn Stevens, The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended.

Others present were:
The Ambassadors of Greece, Norway and Spain, Professor Norman Adams, RA, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Mr Caspar Alltchson, Miss Gillian Ayres, Mr Paul Bailey, Mr Richard Baker, Miss Jill Bennett, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Lady Rachel Billington, Baroness Blackstone, Mr Norman Blamey, RA, Miss Sandra Blow, RA, Sir Alan and Lady Bowness, Mr William Bowyer, RA, Mr and Mrs Humphrey Brooke, Mr Rah Brown, RA, Miss Lillian Browse, Mr Robert Buhler, RA, Miss Antonia Byatt, Professor H T Cadbury-Brown, RA, Mr Mel Calman, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, Mr Jeffery Camp, RA, the Dean of Canterbury, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, RA, and Lady Casson, the Rev Professor W Owen Chadwick, OM, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Dame Elizabeth Chesterton, Mr R Clatworthy, RA, Mr and Mrs Timothy Clifford, Miss Jean E Cooke, RA, Mr Jasper Conran, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, Sir Trenchard Cox, Mr Theo Crosby, Mr Fred Cuming, RA, Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Sir Philip Dowson, RA, Miss Jane Drew, Miss Joanna Drew, Professor Frederick Dubery, Miss Frances Dunkels, Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA, Mr Wayne Eagling, Miss Caroline Elam, Professor M A Epstein, Viscount and Viscountess Esher, the Hon Ralph Erskine, RA, Mr Anthony Eyton, RA, Sir Brinsley Ford, Sir Edward Ford, the Hon Rocco Forte, Mr Donald Hamilton Fraser, RA, Mr David Gentleman, Mr J Paul Getty, Jr, Lady Gibberd, Mrs Ursula Goldfinger, Mr Frederick Gore, RA, Mr Anthony Green, RA, Mr Peter Greenham, RA, Professor Richard Gregory, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, Mr Sydney Harpley, RA, Mr and Mrs Paul Hamlyn, Mr Michael Harrison, Professor Francis Haskell, Mr Colin Hayes, RA, Dr John Hayes, Mr Walter Hayes, Mrs David Haynes, Professor John Hedgecoe, Mr Norman Hepple, RA, Lady Hornby, Mr Ken Howard, Mr Sidney Hutchison, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Mr Robert Jackson, MP, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Mr Allen Jones, Mr Ludovic Kennedy and Miss Moira Shearer, Mr Michael Kenny, RA, Lord Kenyon, Mrs William Kerr, Professor Phillip King, Professor Bryan Kneale, RA, Mr Andrew Knight, Mr Michael Kustow, Miss Sonia Lawson, Mrs Helen Lessore, RA, Mr Ben Levene, RA, Dr Gerald Libby, the Countess of Lichfield, Mr Sidney Lipworth, Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, Mr Miss Felicity Lott, Sir Anthony Lousada, Mr Leonard Manasseh, RA, Mrs Jose Manser, Sir Leslie Martin, RA, Mr Robert Medley, RA, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Sir Jeremy and Lady Morse, Mr P H Newby, Sir Patrick Neill, Mr and Mrs Michael Noakes, Sir Sydney Nolan, OM, Viscount Norwich, Mr Norman Parkinson, Mr John Partridge, Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, RA, Sir Robin Philipson, Mr Tom Phillips, Mr Norman Platt, Lady Porter, Sir Philip Powell, RA, and Lady Powell, Mr Patrick Procktor, Mr John Raisman, Lieutenant-General Sir David Ramsbotham, Lord Redesdale, the Rev Donald Reeves, Sir Rex Richards, Sir John Riddell, Mr Norman Rosenthal, Mr Leonard Rossiter, RA, Mr Alan Ross, Mr Richard Ross, Mr Michael Rothenstein, RA, the Hon Sir John and Lady Salisbury, Mr Giles Shepard, Mr Nicholas Snowman, Mr Willi Soukop, RA, Mr Ruskin Spear, RA, Mr Ian Stephenson, RA, Mr Angus Stirling, Mr Timothy Stevens, Lord St John of Fawsley, Sir Roy Strong, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, and Lady Thorneycroft, Miss Frances Thyssen-Bornemisza, Mr David Tindle, RA, Sir Anthony Touche, Mr Julian Trevelyan, Dr Julia Trevelyan Oman, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Mr George Walden MP, Mr John Ward, RA, Dr Alan Webster, Professor Carel Weight, RA, Sir Anthony Wheeler, Lord Windlesham, Mr Anthony Whishaw, Mr Andreas William Smith, Mr Peter Wilkinson, Mr Charles Wilson, Mr Henry Wong, the Dean of York, Sir Brian Young and Lord Young of Graffham.

Polytechnic news

Sheffield City Polytechnic

Dr Peter McEwan has been appointed head of electrical and electronic engineering and **Dr David Tidmarsh** head of mechanical and production engineering.

North East London Polytechnic

Professor David Edwards, Director of the Chemotherapy Research Unit has been appointed Dean of Research

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.H. Hocknell and Miss A.C. Bruce

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hocknell, of Willaston, Cheshire, and Anna, daughter of the Hon David and Mrs Bruce, of Rumbling Bridge, Kinross.

Dr P.G.H. Beven and Dr E.I. Katay

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Dr and Mrs G. Beven, of Esher, Surrey, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs I. Katay, of Surbiton, Surrey.

Mr C.H. Collins and Miss F.J. Truscott

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Jack Collins, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Frances, only daughter of Mrs Gloria Truscott, of Selsdon, Surrey, and Mr Alan Truscott, of Riverdale, New York.

Mr A.P.D. Cook and Miss C.E.C. Gobourn

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.D. Cook, of Clows Top, near Bewdley, and Catharine, only daughter of Major and Mrs Peter Gobourn, of Cheltenham.

Mr A.J.R. Cornick and Miss L.N. Jarratt

The engagement is announced between Andrew John Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.J.W. Cornick, of Burford, Oxfordshire, and Lindsay Nicola, only daughter of Professor P. Jarratt, of Moseley, Birmingham, and Mrs S.M. Usher, of Roundhay, Leeds.

Mr C.A. Cory-Wright and Miss D. McN. Watson

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mark Cory-Wright, of Tilhill House, Tilford, Surrey, and Dorothy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Watson, of Caldercruix, Lanarkshire, and Penwortham, Lancashire.

Mr M.J. Drane and Miss P.L. Ritchie

The engagement is announced between Michael John, only son of Mr and Mrs J.L. Drane, Causinway House, Lower Benefield, Northamptonshire, and Patricia Lorna, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Ritchie, The Red House, Kirk Langley, Derbyshire.

Mr R.K. Gammie and Miss J.M. Martin

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs K.M. Gammie, of Richmond, Surrey, and Jan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Martin, of Edinburgh.

Mr N.P. Griffiths and Miss F.J. Malcolm

The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of the late Mr V. Griffiths and Mrs V. Griffiths, of Perranporth, Cornwall, and Fiona Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.A.B. Malcolm, of Hampstead, London.

Mr A.S.W. Henry and Miss L.M. Tierney

The engagement is announced between Andrew, third son of Mr and Mrs Richard Henry, of Pirbright, Surrey, and Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Tierney, of Mickleover, Derby.

Mr A.M. Highet and Miss H.L. Ball

The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Dr and Mrs J.W. Highet, 12 Beech Brae, Elgin, Moray, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr J.R. Ball, FRCS, and Mrs Ball, Cartref, Broadford, Isle of Skye.

Mr D.M. MacMillan and Miss C.E. Hart

The engagement is announced between Douglas MacMillan, FRCS, son of Mr and Mrs Alasdair MacMillan, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Emma, daughter of the late James Robert Hart and of Mrs Cynthia Hart, of Strawberry Hill, Shamley Green, Surrey.

Dr C.G. Nevill and Dr J.Y. Carter

The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Nairobi on September 10, between Christopher, younger son of Mr G.E. Nevill, FRCS, MCh, and Mrs Francis Holland, of Winchelsea, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr Bernard Carter, CMG, and Mrs Carter, of Heywood, Wiltshire.

Mr E.P. Nicholson and Miss H. Lombardi

The engagement is announced between Edward Peter, eldest son of Mrs Anita Mercedes Nicholson and the late Mr Hugh Thayer Nicholson, of Sussex Square, Brighton, and Heloise, eldest daughter of Mrs Iris Lombardi, and the late Mr Michael Lombardi, of Netley Abbey, Southampton.

Mr M.V. West and Miss S. Kirch

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mrs B.L. West, of Athens, Texas, United States, and the late Mr V.E. West, and Sallyann, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.N. Kirch, of Amberley Castle, Amberley, Sussex.

Mr J.A. Spooner and Miss H.D. Hughes

The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs Tenney Spooner, of Knowle, Devonshire, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hughes, of Great Rissington, Gloucestershire.

Marriages

Mr R.W. Hughes and Mrs S.J. Heard

The marriage took place in London on April 15, between Mr Ronald William Hughes and Mrs Sarah Jane Heard, of 58 Gipsy Hill, London, SE19.

Mr D.C. Reed and Miss K.H.M. Powell

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 7, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Great Hampden, Buckinghamshire, of Mr Denville Charles Reed, only son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Reed, to Miss Karen Hilda Mary Powell, only daughter of Mr Colin Powell and Mrs Philomena Powell. The Rev Jonathan White officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Tracey Jones and Charlotte Avery. Mr Colin Towers was best man.

Dinners

National Art Collections Fund

Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund, was host last night at a dinner held at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Goodman, CH, the guest of honour, presented the National Art-Collections Awards. Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, accepted the Arts Benefactor of the Year award, on behalf of Mrs Vivien Duffield, from Sir Nigel Mobbs, Chairman of the sponsoring company, Slough Estates.

Furniture Makers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the principal speaker at a dinner held at the Mansion House last night after a Court Meeting when Mr Roger Richardson was installed as Master. Mr John Butcher, MP, and the Master also spoke.

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a dinner held at the Athenaeum Hotel last night in honour of a Parliamentary delegation from China led by Mr Rong Yiren.

Knighthood

The Queen has been pleased to approve the honour of knighthood be conferred upon the Hon Mr Justice Morritt on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

The Hon Humphrey Maud, CMG, to be British High Commissioner to the Republic of Cyprus in succession to Mr W. J. A. Wilberforce, CMG.

Mr A. J. Ramsay to be Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic in succession to Mr J. W. D. Gray, CMG.

Mr J. W. D. Gray, CMG, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Beirut, to be United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris in succession to Mr N. P. Bayne, CMG.

Mr John Pitts, former chairman and chief executive of the Tioxide Group, to be chairman of the proposed Legal Aid Board. The Lord Chancellor also announced yesterday that he had appointed the following to be members of the board:

Martin Aslund, former executive director, Mercantile Credit; **Diana Brahams**, member of the council of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux; **Allan Bloch**, head of the Department of law, Leeds Polytechnic; **Hilary Bradley**, barrister; **Lyn Brennand**, solicitor; **Kenneth Farrow**, barrister; **Sonia Harnett**, former managing director, F International; **Geoffrey Hilbert**, former London personnel and administration manager, Shell International; **David Sinker**, chairman, Leach Group; **John Smith**, former assistant managing director, Associated British Ports; **Peter Tear**, solicitor, founder member of the Legal Aid Practitioners Group.

Mr David Wilfred Brunning to be a Circuit Judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

New Fellows

Institution of Electrical Engineers

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIEE:

Mr J A Bruchez, Stockport; Mr D A Chong, Belgium; Mr A C Conway, Berkhamsted; Mr K P Diamantides, Cyprus; Mr B J V Dunn, Australia; Mr M W J Farmer, Beaconsfield; Mr K Hackney, New Zealand; Mr B J Hill, Norwich; Mr I E Kerr, BFPO; Mr R J Killick, Helensburgh; Mr A C King, East Grinstead; Mr R Lowes, High Wycombe; Mr P Mallick, India; Mr I A McGraw, Aylesbury; Mr E Monkhouse, BFPO; Mr A P Muldoon, New Zealand; Mr M C Oakes, Leeds; Mr K Padmanabhan, India; Mr M C S Simpson, Stafford; Mr B S Smith, Bath; Mr R S M Trantor, Harrogate; Mr C F Vanstone, Reading; Mr T M Wheawell, Guildford; Mr M C Whitaker, Cheltenham; and Mr M D P Young, Oman.

Forces appointments

Royal Navy

Captains: P McLaren, SNOME 12 Aug. R C Swales, IMS Brussels 1 Nov.

Commanders: R M Gee DOAE West Byfleet in Acting Higher Rank of Captain 6 Sep. P S Moulding, staff of CINCFLEET 22 Nov.

Retirements.

Rear Admiral: P N Marsden, 25 June.

Captains: N J Barker, 27 June; J R Griffiths, 29 July.

Commander: W F Worsley, 14 May.

Army

Brigadiers: D H Blundell-Hollinshead-Blundell, to SHAPE, 20 May. A L Meier, to MOD, 13 May.

Colonels: M D Hall, to be comdt CAD KINGSTON, 13 May. A C Massey, to MOD, 16 May. W G Pollock, to be CO RPO Leicester, 13 May.

Lieutenant Colonels: A E Hawkswell REME, to MOD, 9 May. A S H Irwin BW, to Staff College, 9 May. M H Lipscomb RE, to HQ BAOR, 9 May. C G B Robinson 13/18 H, to be MA STOCKHOLM, 27 May. A D Thompson RAEC, to MOD, 9 May. A F Birtwistle QLR, to D Inf, 13 May.

Retirement

Colonel: M B H Ashmore CBE Late RS, 10 May.

Royal Air Force

Air Commodore D O Gwyn-Williams is appointed Commander British Forces Falkland Islands in August, 1988, in the rank of Air Vice-Marshal, in succession to Major General A N Carliser.

Wing Commander: R A Plummer, to SHAPE 9 May. D R Carden, to IADS Mallaig/d 13 May. A B Wight-Boycott, to RAF Kinloss 13 May. J Reeves, to MOD/PE/1 4 May. B Forsyth, to COCN Rudlow Manor 4 May. B Robson, to MOD S May. C J Hackley, to RAF Waltham 9 May.

OBITUARY

PROF G. R. WILKINSON

Innovative work in spectroscopy

Professor G. R. Wilkinson, Emeritus Professor of Physics at King's College London died suddenly on April 30. He was 60.

He had an international reputation as a spectroscopist, and his work had helped, among other things to confirm DNA.

George Randall Wilkinson was born on August 11, 1927, and educated at Colwyn Bay Grammar School. After leaving school he did his national service in the RAF, before going to King's.

He spent the rest of his working life at King's, first as a demonstrator, then as lecturer (1959) and reader (1963), before beimg appointed to the chair in physics in 1972.

Wilkinson was a leading authority on infrared and Raman spectroscopy, equally highly regarded in research circles in both chemistry and physics. His international reputation attracted many scientists from abroad to work with him in London and he had only recently returned from visits to China and the Far East where he had been lecturing and advising various universities on the planning of their scientific programmes.

He had been particularly active in organizing special meetings at King's which enabled spectroscopists in industry and the universities to cooperate in developments of vital national importance. His spectroscopic work in biophysics helped to confirm the structures such as DNA for which Professor Maurice Wilkins received the Nobel Prize.

In 35 years at King's Wilkinson influenced many generations of students several of whom have become leaders in industry and in academic fields. He was also instrumental in the production of science educational films, one of which was awarded a bronze medal at the Venice Film Festival in 1968.

He was an innovator in the introduction of computer techniques into experimental equipment, and several British commercial spectrometers owe their success to his influence on their manufacturers.

Wilkinson and his wife Doreen, who survives him, played an active part in the social life of the college and the university. He himself took early retirement, but continued to give lectures.

There were no children.

MR RONALD DEADMAN

Ronald Deadman, who was gifted both as a classroom teacher and writer of children's books, and was editor of *Teachers' World* from 1968 till it closed down in 1976, has died at the age of 68.

His preoccupation was the teaching of reading and writing and the need to achieve higher and more imaginative standards in the schools. These skills he latterly attempted to use to teach middle-aged black and Asian immigrants in the London area.

His 15 years' experience both at junior school and college of education level led him to write classroom texts such as *Enjoying English Books* (1966) and a series of children's fantasies – a kind of children's science fiction but which had a clear educative purpose behind them.

Most notable among his books was a series called *Perceptions* aimed at secondary schools, though the series may well have been ahead of its time.

Deadman, though he sympathized with several of the prevailing educational theories of the Sixties, refused, both in his own writings and as an editor, to accept the prevailing fashions without submitting them to serious critical examination, often through the use of his own marked sense of humour and irony.

He was born in Shoeburyness and, soon after leaving school, joined the RAF in 1937. During the Second World War he served in the air sea rescue service, skippering a launch in the North Sea and later in the Cocos Islands.

After the war he went to a teachers' training college and in 1957 he gained a Fullbright scholarship to the United States where he was to be much influenced by American methods of teaching reading.

He returned to lecture for two years at Brentwood College of Education, but in 1966 became features editor of *The Teacher* and a year later editor of *Teacher's World*.

After ceasing to be editor, Deadman spent a few years as a part-time water bailiff on the River Thames.

For the last three years of his life he returned to his consuming life interest – teaching reading.

He is survived by his wife, Joan.

DR SIDNEY SAVAGE

Dr Sidney Savage, who died on April 30, at the age of 87, was county Medical Officer of Health for Warwickshire from 1946 to 1966, a period in which he introduced a number of practical innovations, as well as writing papers on health, demographic and medical matters, which are still topical today.

He had been introduced to public health during a visit to Maine with his famous father, Sir William Savage, just after the First World War.

After Cambridge and University College Hospital he took his Diploma in Public Health in 1929, and his MD from Cambridge in 1933.

He served successively as Deputy MOH for Buckinghamshire, and MOH for Herefordshire until the War.

But it was with the inception of the Health Service that he really came into his own as MOH for Warwickshire, and many of the ideas he introduced in that health authority, such as mobile clinics, radios for midwives, and a bursary scheme to help assistant medical officers take their DPH at the London Scghool of Hygiene, were among the first in their field.

His annual reports, presenting telling statistical evidence on subjects such as health education, the prevention of coronary artery disease, fluoridation and the increase in the population of the elderly are still highly pertinent today.

Savage was very much an intellectual among medical officers of health, and he always strove to make clear the historical and scientific basis of any subjedt on which he wrote.

He leaves his widow, Evelyn.

ALI ABDEL-QADIR HAFIZ

Ali Abdel-Qadir Hafiz, the influential Saudi publisher and public figure, died in Jeddah on April 23. He was the head of a vast publishing concern in Britain and Saudi Arabia.

Born in the city of Medina in 1907, he became a teacher there before establishing, in 1936, a weekly news magazine, *Al-Madina*.

In 1962, he moved to Jeddah and turned the magazine into a daily newspaper that reflected the political positions of the conservative establishment.

Subsequent expansion reflected the boom in Saudi Arabia's oil revenues. He established the English-language newspapers, *Arab News* and *Arab Business News*, and with two of his sons, Hesham and Mohammad, founded Saudi Research and Marketing, the largest Arab publishing company in the West, in London; its newspaper *Asharq el-Awsat*, founded in 1978, is reputed to have the largest international daily circulation in the Arab world.

His own books include a history of Medina and an examination of human rights in Islam. He was elected a member of the conference of writers of Saudi Arabia.

MR VICTOR LACK

A colleague writes:

Victor Lack (obituary March 25) joined the ranks of the RAMC on the outbreak of the 1914-18 war, when he was a medical student at The London Hospital. He was soon commissioned as a combatant officer, and first saw action as a machine-gunner, later as a rear-gunner in the RFC. After being wounded he was released in 1917 to continue his medical studies.

On qualifying in 1918 this remarkable man chose a career in obstetrics and gynaecology. In the days before the formation of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, of which Lack was a founder-member, it was important to hold a higher qualification in medicine or surgery before being recognised as a specialist. To hold both was a bonus.

In 1921 Lack took the FRCS (Edinburgh), in 1925 and MRCP (London). He was then, at the exceptionally early age of 33, appointed consultant surgeon in obstetrics and gynaecology at The London Hospital, where he held post till his retirement in 1958. He was an authority on ectopic gestation.

In 1934 he was elected FRCP and in 1935 FRCOG. He later became vice-president of his college.

In addition to his share in the authorship of the popular *Ten Teachers*, he was an inspired instructor and supporter of his juniors, a tireless and dextrous operator and a charming companion.

During the 1939-45 war he cheerfully undertook a post in the Emergency Medical Service as medical superintendent of King George V Hospital, Ilford, in addition to his other duties. He pursued his interest in farming to the end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. St. Luke 13:24.

BIRTHS

AMBASSARD - On May 6th, at Westminster Hospital, to Sandy (née Welsh) and Richard, a daughter, Alice Venetia.

BLENDEN - On May 3rd, 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah (née Parry) and Robin, a son, Jonathan Patrick, a brother for Jessica.

CRAIG-WOOD - On May 6th, 1988, to Margaret (née Noble) and Ian, a son, Rory Alexander, a brother for Alison, James, Samantha, Andrew and Natalie.

DAVIS - On April 27th, to Jenny (née Fooks) and Tim, a son, Thomas.

de KLEE - On April 26th 1988, to Caroline and Hugo, a daughter Katherine.

HARRWICK - On May 6th, in Dubai, to Jacqueline (née Whitehouse) and Wayne, a son, Donald Stanley, a brother for Mark and Melanie.

KERR - On May 7th, to Andrea (née De Laynes) and John, a son, Alexander Harry.

LYNCH-STAUNTON - On May 7th, to Marcia (née Gibbs) and Charles, a son, George Henry.

OPENSHAW - On May 5th 1988, at Queen Charlottes, London to Jane (née Mooney) and Christopher, a son, Oliver John.

ROTTENBURG - On May 7th, to Victoria (née Seymour) and Alexander, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth Virginia.

RUSSELL - On April 16th, to Carolyn (née Dicker) and Nicholas, a son William, and two daughters Annabel and Henrietta. A brother and sisters for Charlie.

WETHERED - On May 4th, to Victoria (née Le Fanu) and Simon, a son, Charles Hugh, a brother for Anna and Edward.

DEATHS

BARRINGTON - On May 6th, in hospital, Doreen, beloved wife of Brigadier A.E. Bebbington and mother of Jill, David, Jane (McCormack) and Georgina. Funeral at All Saints Merriott, 2pm Thursday May 12th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to the NSPCC, c/o A.E. Stoodley & Sons, 31 Market Square, Crewkerne.

BIRT - On May 7th, 1988, peacefully in Jersey after a long illness, borne with great courage, Maisi Arambita (née Cameron). Much loved wife of St. John Birt, mother of Michael, Nicola and Caroline. Funeral in Jersey on May 13th, 1988. No flowers please, donations in lieu maybe sent to Jersey Hospice Care, c/o Mr. D. Norman, Norman's Ltd., Commercial Buildings, St. Helier, Jersey, C.I.

BRUCE - On May 7th, Maurice, aged 75 years, Emeritus Professor, University of Sheffield. Peacefully at home, 22 Chorley Drive, Sheffield, S10 3RR, after a long illness gallantly borne. Beloved husband of Maud, a loving father, father-in-law and grandfather. Service and cremation at Huntcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield on Thursday May 12th at 2pm. No flowers, but donations please to Dr. R.W. Hancock, for Hodgkins Disease Fund c/o The Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, S10.

BURNETT - On May 5th, suddenly and peacefully, in the evening, Natalie Wales Winslow, wife of Lt. Col. George Burnett, Scots Guards, mother of Daphne, Marion and Audley and grandmother of Kate and Alexander. Funeral in Winchester Cathedral on Friday 13th May at 2.30pm. All flowers & enquiries to John. Steel & Son Ltd, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester Tel 0962-63195.

CHARLETON - On May 6th 1988 peacefully three days after her 82nd birthday. Anne Elizabeth (Nancy) née Manley-Hastie, beloved wife of the late Collingwood Percy Charleton and much loved and loving mother of Anne and most generous and loving Gammy to Dorian and Kiwa. Private funeral at Bellingham, Northumberland.

CORK - On May 5th, in the Middlesex Hospital, Cyril Arthur, aged 66. Former principal Trinity College of Music. Dearly loved husband of Jean; loving father of Andrew and Lesley, grandfather and foster father. Funeral 2.30pm Friday May 13th at Churchstoke, Powys. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to T.C.M or Cancer Research.

DORAN - On May 6th, 1988, after a short illness, Kathleen May (Rosie), aged 93, of Balcombe, Sussex. Beloved aunt of Helen Powell and Judith Arnold and life-long friend of Nela Bower. An active member of the W.I. for many years. Service at St. Mary's Church, Balcombe, Sussex on May 13th at 3.15pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations to the R.N.I.B. c/o R.A. Brooks & Son, 35 Wivelsfield Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex. tel (0444) 454391.

DRURY - On Sunday May 8th, peacefully at home, Lt. Col. Robert Esmond Hill, D.S.O., M.C., Funeral at Langton-by-Stilsby on Wednesday May 11th at 9.45am followed by private cremation. No flowers.

EMERSON - On May 7th, 1988, peacefully, A.E. (MIKE), aged 81 years. Funeral Friday 13th May, 3.00pm at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Rd, Brighton. Flowers may be sent to Bennett Funeral Service, 8 Sutton Park Rd, Seaford. Tel: Seaford 490077.

GILLAM - On Thursday May 5th, Doris, of West Lodge, Malton, Yorkshire, wife of the late Major Thomas Gillam, and much loved mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to the NSPCC, 1 Riding House Street, London W1. A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held in St Michael's Church, Malton at 2.30pm on Friday May 13th.

HARRIS - On May 4th, peacefully in his sleep aged 81, Euan Cadogan, lately of Rottingdean, dearest father of Anne and Zoë, grandfather of Delia, Kerr, James, Anna and Rachel and great grandfather of Azur and Yolande. Family funeral at Rolvenden on 13th May.

HAYDON - On May 6th 1988, suddenly, Elizabeth, greatly loved wife of Robin, mother of Adele and grandmother of Alexandra and Nicola. Funeral enquiries to Evershed Brothers 01-874 1781.

HEDGE - On April 30th, suddenly at St. Stephens Hospital, Douglas Cordy (Bunny), beloved husband of Vivienne and father of Elizabeth and Charles.

INMAN - On Sunday May 8th 1988, peacefully at Haywards Heath, Lady May Inman, wife of the late Lord Inman. Funeral service on Thursday May 12th at St. Mary's Church, Stringhurst, Sussex, at 1.45pm, followed by cremation. All enquiries to J & R Matthews Funeral Directors Tel 0444 413055. "Our Lord God almighty reigns".

KIMMINS - On Friday May 6th, peacefully at home, Margot. Dearly beloved wife of Donald Kimmins and mother of Angus, Kimmorie and Hamish. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Wednesday May 11th at 2.30pm. Interment at Ambercley. Donations for Save The Children Fund, c/o Phillip Ford & Son Funeral Directors Ltd, Dirlton House, Stroud, Glos.

KINNINGS - On May 3rd, suddenly but peacefully at home, Eustace, loving husband of the late Esther. Funeral Service at St. Peters, Ardingly on May 13th at 2 pm followed by family cremation. Flowers to Masters and Sons, 20 High Street, Lindfield, West Sussex.

LAWTON - On May 8th, 1988, suddenly in hospital, Jean Helen Mary (née Comerford). Dearly loved wife of Geoffrey and much loved by all her family. Funeral service at Blackfordby Church, near Ashby-de-la-zouch on Friday 13th May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only enquiries to, Mr Charles Ward (Ward & Brewtis). Tel: Burton-on-Trent 215969.

LOMAS - On Sunday May 8th, peacefully at home, Dr. Francis Edward Lomas, Kng. Mb. BCH. in his 84th year. Reception in to St Alban's Church, Macclesfield on Thursday May 12th, at 7.00pm, followed by ascension day Mass at 7.30pm. Requiem Mass at St. Albans Church, on Friday May 13th, at 12noon. Family flowers only - donations to, East Cheshire Hospice or Charity of choice. Enquirees to Hooley Watson & Buckley 0625 22734.

LOMAX - On May 7th, suddenly but peacefully, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Major John Anthony (Tony), Royal Artillery (retired), devoted husband of Margaret, dearly loved father of James and Tessa and grandfather of Thomas and Olivia. Funeral private. Donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

MARTEN - On May 9th, peacefully at her home, Stircher, Norton, Presteigne, Powys, Muriel Temperance (Mod), aged 81, greatly loved mother of Jeremy, Carlos, Clarice and Jemima Bristow. Private cremation. No flowers please.

PAN - On May 8th 1988, peacefully, Minnie Gin Hwa formerly of Calcutta. Funeral on Friday May 13th at 12.00 pm at St John The Baptist Church, Burford, Oxfordshire. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, c/o Mrs A Ashfield, John Radcliff Hospital, Oxford.

PETERSON - On May 9th, at Brendoncare, Winchester, Jean, aged 84, widow of Geoffrey. Funeral service at Winchem Parish Church, Chard, on Friday May 13th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Church of England Childrens Society, c/o John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

PHILLIPS - On May 1st, peacefully in his 88th year, following an accident in Malta, Gerald Arthur, at The Beaumont Nursing Home, Stratford-upon-Avon. Funeral service at The Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, near Warwick, on Tuesday May 10th at 11.00 am.

RATHBONE - On May 8th, Eileen Rosamond (née Salvesen) aged 78, much loved wife of the late Brig. R. B. Rathbone, dear aunt, and step mother, grandmother, great grandmother. Funeral Bloxiday Church 12noon Monday 16th May.

SPARROW - On May 7th 1988, in his 94th year, George. Previously of Highgate village, Cricklewood and Rainham, Kent. Much loved and greatly missed. Cremation at Port Talbot Crematorium, Glamorgan on Wednesday May 11th at 11.30am.

SYRETT - On May 6th, suddenly in London, aged 68, Phillip Montague Syrett, formerly of the Welsh Guards and member of Middle Temple; son of Herbert Sutton Syrett and father of Stephen and Michel. Private funeral on May 13th. Flowers, if desired, to T H Sanders & Higgs, 153 Heath Road, Twickenham, Middlesex; or donations may be sent to the Manic Depression Fellowship, 51 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey.

THURLOW - On April 21st 1988, peacefully, on holiday in Crete, Harry John (Jack) Thurlow, Phd, ARIC, aged 84 years of Kerridge Macclesfield. Funeral Friday May 13th, Service and Committal at Macclesfield Crematorium 12.30 pm. Enquiries to Hooley Watson & Buckley 0625 22734.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HASSALL - A Memorial Service for the late Joan Hassall OBE who died on March 5th, aged 82, will be held on Thursday June 2nd at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London WC2 at 12 noon.

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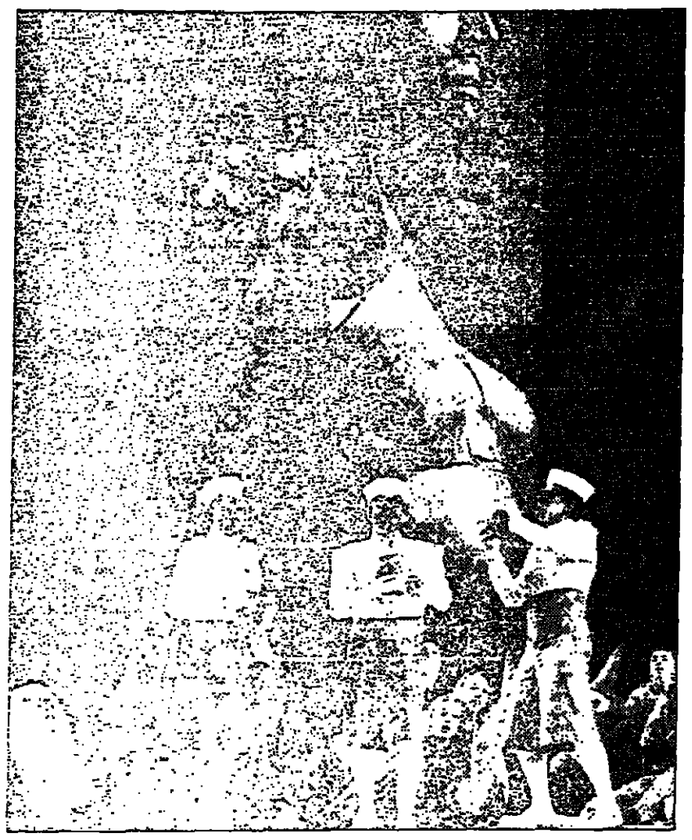
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Close-harmony naval trio: Stockhausen's sailors in Bermuda shorts

Paul Griffiths reports from Milan on the stage première of Stockhausen's new opera

Monday's bitty child

OPERA

Montag
La Scala, Milan

At this stage, with three of the seven operas completed, Stockhausen's week of festivities is beginning to make sense, up to a point. The appearance first of *Donnerstag*, the "day of learning", may have misled, since learning is progressive and implies a work with some narrative continuity. In the unavoidable comparison, *Samstag* then seemed bewilderingly heterogeneous, being a sequence of four utterly dissimilar episodes, each of them essentially static and repetitive. But now *Montag* is even more a succession of bits and pieces: the three acts simply assemble 20 items which belong together only in the way that the prayers and readings of a liturgy belong together. The absence of drive, of drama, is inevitable; the whole nature of the project is ceremonial.

Since *Montag* is the day of Eva, the Venus-Mother of Stockhausen's pantheon, it is pre-eminently the day of birth, though the emphasis is on the prenatal, the potential, the unformed. The music seems to exist in a state of gestation, enveloped in the same harmony for long periods, embedded in the continuous sounds of synthesizers (a trio of these, plus a bellhop percussionist, has the function of orchestra throughout). The theatre becomes a womb, bathing the audience in the amniotic fluid of diffuse electronic tones; and allowing the outer world to penetrate only as sound: farmyard noises, motors, national anthems and even a snatch of Hitler, promptly flushed down the loo, all make this Stockhausen's biggest essay in *musique concrète* since *Hymnen*.

In other respects the connections are with his celebrations of sexuality and the eternal feminine in *Stimmung* and *Momente*, works of similar ecstatic prolongation (the total duration of the three acts of *Montag* is almost three and a half hours, and some of the scenes seem to drift on endlessly). As in those earlier works, too, the closeness of mother and lover in Stockhausen's erotics is marked: sex is joined to birth not by causality but because the male in sexual activity becomes infantile. Hence the prominence of children (the exceptionally secure and confident Radio Budapest Children's Choir) in all three acts, and hence too the regression to nursery rhymes, to a powerful focussing on the breast, and to a giggling babble of punning, compound words and nonsense in most of the text. The very cover of the programme book reproduces the "Montags-Lied" dedicated to Suzanne Stephens, who is in many ways the adored instigator of *Montag*.

Stephens, as the basset-hornist persona of Eva (though called "Coeur de Basset"), dominates the last two acts of the work, but in the first, "Eva's First Birth", the goddess is present as a trio of sopranos, singing from the shoulder of an eight-metre-high female idol that is the spectacular main feature of Chris Dyer's set. Supporting herself in semi-recumbent readiness, the idol gives birth to seven animals and seven dwarves: implicitly to the days of the week and to fairy stories. The ensuing celebrations include a wonderfully silly close-harmony trio for tenors arriving as sailors, and an inordinately long ballet for baby buggies, after which Lucifer bursts in for a big anger aria in nonsense syllables progressing through the alphabet: Nicholas Isherwood was splendid here.

In the second act, "Eva's Second Birth", the focus shifts to instrumental soloists, reminding us that the use of instrumentalists as mime artists must be Stockhausen's most fruitful operatic innovation. Pierre-Laurent Aimard comes to impregnate the idol with Piano Piece XIV, played on a comically extended grand thrust between her legs. Then the days are born again, explicitly this time, as naked children to be taught their songs by Coeur de Basset, who afterwards calls forth replicas of herself from the breasts and vagina of the idol. The act thus moves from the clear innocence of singing girls in candle-lit procession (albeit dressed with rampant symbolism as arum lilies) to the dark, damp sensuality Stockhausen finds in the bassethorn.

The third act, "Eva's Magic", makes a reverse transition, beginning with Coeur de Basset playing to an adult chorus of admirers, and ending with a flautist (Kathinka Pasveer) and the Hungarian children enacting the Pied Piper story.

With so much input from the composer and his long-standing collaborators, Michael Bogdanov's contribution as producer is facilitatory rather than creative, and similarly Mark Thompson in his costume designs has been influenced by Stockhausen's tastes for breast ornament, eau-de-Nil lurex and split skirts (the sailors, though, dressed as clowns in fruit-print Bermuda shorts, are an independent triumph). Essentially this is Stockhausen's show, with hardly anybody from the Scala allowed anywhere near it. It is, of course, an act of gigantic egomania, but it is also intermittently delightful and, not least, pretty alarming in being a ramshackle enterprise that we all merrily accept, perhaps have to accept, as a masterpiece.

● *Further performances throughout the week until Friday.*

Flimsy fear and loathing

Until recently, homophobia could only mean fear of one's own kind: thus, a homophobic heterosexual loathed his or her fellow heterosexuals. Today, illustrating the capacity of usage to pervert sense, the term means fear and loathing of "Christopher's kind".

Open Space (BBC2) illustrated the condition with some predictable examples: the "spanking judge", for instance, who resigned his recordership after exposure in the tabloids; the "out" lesbian who enlisted in the Wrens specifically

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to meet like-minded adults, without realizing that the armed forces are the only sphere where such activity has ever been illegal. The most intelligent comment was Ian McKellen's plea for respectable homosexuals to help erode prejudice by declaring themselves publically – a move which would, however, posit a different society.

As one has come to expect from access-television, the historical perspective was on the flimsy side. In this country at least, the "homophobic" backlash started years before Aids had been heard of, for the obvious reason that some "straights" had had it up to here with the hectoring aggression of homosexual propaganda.

The programme trod carefully, but its only true ray of light came with the bizarre and curiously touching story of a deputation of vocal dungarees who visited South Wales to donate money to the striking miners. The sons of the valleys reciprocated by marching in the subsequent Gay Pride Week celebrations. There must be a musical in this somewhere.

Horizon followed on the same channel with its usual combination of cosy wraparound and massive plug for progress, leaving in its wake the usual litter of unanswered questions. Ostensibly dealing with the uses of forensic technology in solving serial murders, it gave policemen of many forces the opportunity to play with expensive toys and blether about "parameters" and "prioritizing".

A gentleman from the FBI held the feature film *The Collector* responsible for copycat abductions, and a psychologist supplied the priceless information that motiveless crimes of violence are in fact committed by inadequates seeking respect. It was difficult to see what much of this had to do with science.

Martin Cropper

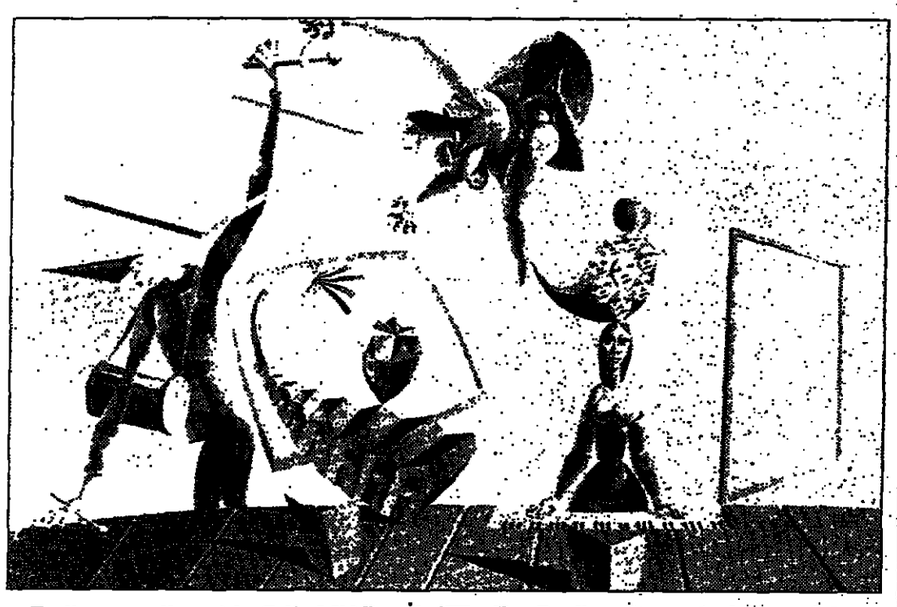
Reflections of youth

GALLERIES

Germinations 4
Royal College of Art

The Surrealist Spirit in Britain
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Gerald Wilde
October Gallery



Earlier surrealist spirit: Colin Middleton's "The Toy-Box" easily stands the test of time

Hope for too much. Expect too little. Look for the wrong things. Fail to see the right things. Take it all with a gigantic punch of salt. Whichever way you approach a student exhibition, you are bound to be wrong. And especially with a show like Germinations 4, which is at the Royal College of Art until May 25, having already been seen in Marseilles and Breda, and going on to Bonn.

There are various reasons why this show is particularly difficult to grip, even by the standards normal in student shows. For one thing, it is not exactly a student show. It is described as a Biennale of Colleges of Art – the fourth in its present form, which is about to be radically overhauled for number five. Up to now it has covered just four countries. Britain, France, Holland and West Germany, but for 1990 it is going to be extended to cover as many as possible of the 12 member countries of the EEC, plus Switzerland. Also, it is not, as one might imagine, a show of actual students, but rather of work by young artists who have been students fairly recently.

Obviously one cannot know, even in one's own country, how fairly representative it is of current student work, or even young painting. However, each of the national selections seems to be remarkably coherent and consistent within itself.

In Britain, young painters seem to be going in very generally for a sort of Magic Realism: clearly representational, but yet depicting a private mythology rather than something recognizable as the real world all about us. In Germany things appear to be going rather the same way: it is more tempting here to isolate influences or parallels from the recent history of art, since nearly all of these young painters belong to the broadly Expressionist stream, and more immediately the spectres of Kiefer and Lupertz loom large. The Dutch artists are the most dated, clinging largely to Seventies ideals of the minimal and the conceptual. The French are the least predictable, but mostly on the side of avant-garde art as it would be understood in the glamorous spaces of the Saatchi collection.

Taking the show overall, one does get another strong impression: all of these youngsters are very much in the contemporary grain, seeing their own art in the mirror of other art. The show as a whole is almost like an anthology of 20th-century styles. Of course, taking the artists one by one, this is not so noticeable. One may be suddenly struck by the oddity of a 27-year-old painter, the German Eckhard Brock, painting now much as Poliakoff did in the Fifties. One may be surprised, not unpleasantly, to find that, in front of a canvas by Peter McLaren, names like Minton and Vaughan are those which spring to mind. And with most of the Brits, even though there is no such instant recognition factor, one cannot help seeing a consistency, probably unconscious, with Stanley Spencer or the surrealistic phases of, say, Richard Eurich or John Armstrong.

I hesitate to sound chauvinistic, but on the whole I think the British artists here come off best, both individually and collectively. There is a real sense of continuity, felt rather than contrived, with the most characteristic strains of British art this century. For the key to so much of recent British art history seems to be the strength of the symbolist tradition. British artists, from at least the pre-Raphaelites on, are generally most at home telling stories in paint, or at least calling on great national reserves of magic and myth.

An artist like David Hosie, for instance, with his mysterious fantasy scenes, or David Duke, with his enormous images of alternative botany, or Paul Crook, with his scenes from unwritten dramas (probably by Pinter), or Dominik Lasok, with his curiously turned historical and mythological subjects, or Philip Kett, with his faintly Nash-like images from the life of the rock-pool . . . the consistency is not so much of subject-matter or technique, but of general approach to the whole question of subject in painting. And for my money these artists, all noticeably under 30, are finding some convincing answers.

If we see them as being in a clearly British historical tradition, we can go the Whitford and Hughes to check out some earlier exemplars in **The Surrealist Spirit in Britain** (until June 10). This show has most of the familiar names, and indeed some pictures in themselves very familiar from one or more of the British Surrealism shows with which the fiftieth anniversary of the London International Surrealist Exhibition was celebrated a couple of years ago.

Of course, names like Grace Pailthorpe or Reuben Mednikoff or Edith Rimmington have been familiar only since then, and the timely stepping-up of historical studies in this field. Even the better-known figures, like John Armstrong or John Tunnard, had been going through rather shadowy phases in their reputation. But here just look at paintings like Armstrong's "Analysis of Easter" or "Surreal Landscape", or Colin Middleton's "The Toy-Box", and ask yourself whether, if you had come round a corner and seen it at the RCA, you would have thought it at all out of place among the artists in their twenties.

Gerald Wilde, another artist touched by surrealism and the symbolist strain, is now (until May 21) being commemorated by a large memorial show at the October Gallery. It presents virtually every aspect of this unruly genius's work and is accompanied by a slim but useful paperback book about him.

If you think the description of him as a genius is a bit strong, go and look at the show. Some of the work is casual or careless, but enough of it, right through from the meticulous realism of the Twenties to the symbolic abstracts of his last years, is sufficiently powerful to warrant superlatives. Especially in the expressionistic paintings of the immediately post-war period, we clearly have a tiger by the tail: you might hate his work, but you could hardly stay unaffected by it.

John Russell Taylor

Opening doors

CONCERTS

LS Voices/Edwards
Queen Elizabeth Hall

A single piece, Heinz Holliger's *Scardanelli Zyklus*, occupied the entire last day of the London Sinfonietta's latest "Response" weekend, and a good thing that it did. Not only did the work's three parts, of 23 movements compounded from four other pieces, benefit from being widely spaced, but the explanations provided by two talks and a film gave youthful opportunity for orientation.

Only Günter Coenen's readings of the poems Holliger set seemed unnecessary. They were blandly done and we had, in any case, plenty of interval time in which to absorb the words, those on the seasons that the mentally distressed Hölderlin wrote under the pen-name of Scardanelli – and dated randomly – late in life. The musical performances, under Terry Edwards's direction, were, however, marvellous.

Holliger's music, as might be expected, resourcefully explores performance technique. Instances abound of his fertile aural imagination. He asks his solo flautist, here the remarkable Aurèle Nicolet, to sing and growl and to employ circular breathing techniques, for example, while the Sinfonietta Voices were required to sing in eighth-tones, while breathing in, or in "sub-harmonics", a method which resulted in a sound rather like a choir of muted Daleks.

Holliger, like Hölderlin, concentrates on the beauty of the moment, on a stagnant kind of elegance varied only from movement to movement. But even if this makes the work, finished in 1985, rather less than a true *opus magnum*, the composer had at least opened several doors to new sonic worlds. His colleagues must admire and be grateful.

Stephen Pettitt

LONDON DEBUTS

Jacqueline Cole certainly did not set out to woo her audience in a début piano recital built entirely on the massive blocks of Bach's *Goldberg Variations* and the fourth book of Messiaen's *Catalogue d'Oiseaux* at the Wigmore Hall. Her playing revealed something of an earnest, single-minded sense of purpose. Her Bach was full-toned, big-boned, slowly and surely expansive in its pacing of the mighty variations. I enjoyed her thoughtful, totally unmannered approach to phrasing and part-writing.

Slow variations revealed her understanding and instinctive projection of their sense of organic growth; all the interpretation needs now is a sharper awareness of changing textures and the colour of the rhythmic and ornamental artifice within the inner voices of the work.

The Greek cellist **Soujata Devaris** had to battle with both a somewhat intransigent instrument and a sometimes cavalier accompanist in Louis Demetrius Alvanis at the Purcell Room. Her Vivaldi A minor Sonata and Mendelssohn Concert Variations were nicely scaled, with a charactistically light and agile line, but interpretatively understated.

This tendency to under-project became more serious in Beethoven (A major Op 69) and Brahms (E minor, Op 38). Devaris as yet fails to anticipate and breathe through the direction of the music, so that vibrato is applied a fraction of a second too late, intervals are pinched, and phrasing becomes under-nourished. Only with careful coaching and more time spent in imaginative listening will her playing be transformed into true performance.

H.F.

RPO/Temirkanov
Festival Hall

Unlike some of his senior colleagues, Nigel Kennedy has not yet packed the Brahms Concerto into his fiddle case quite often enough to take the work for granted.

His glinting, sharp-witted playing was the high point of a generally low-key concert of Rossini (*Italian Girl*) and Dvořák (*New World*) given by the Royal Philharmonic under Yuri Temirkanov last night.

It was not a great performance: sometimes the vibrato and portamento were called upon just too readily to shape melody, and they would end up strangling it. But Kennedy played as if it all mattered desperately.

He had a way of lightening and brightening even the playing of his colleagues. He would, for example, urge them to listen with careful, diamond-cut decelerating phrases before the violin's trilling ascent, and before the cadenza. Not without cause was our attention drawn to it: the RPO's programme notes failed to tell us whose it was, but if it was Mr Kennedy's own, then its long, stark subjection of every element to a savage minimalism, teased out to the bitter end, was a strikingly original response.

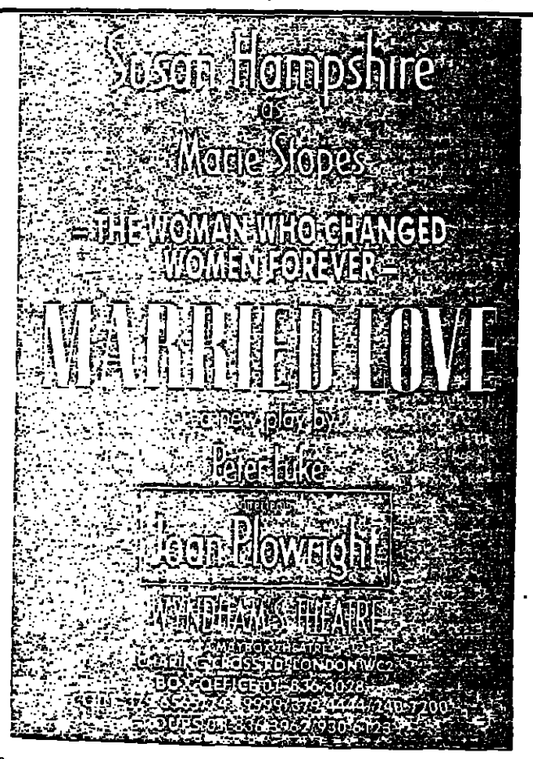
Huberman once commented that this was a concerto "*for* violin, *against* orchestra – and the violin wins". It seemed truer than ever last night.

Hilary Finch

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Relatively shocking

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL

A Family Affair
Lancing College

It is in John Lambert's nature to experiment. That goes as much for subject matter as musical language in his new "black vaudeville" of a chamber opera, scripted by himself and Murray Melvin and called *A Family Affair*, which was given its première by the group Vocem as part of the Brighton Festival. For the piece's central subject is the shocking one of incest, though taken as only one instance of people's compulsion to manipulate each other.

There are just three characters: Sam, a woman draughtsman, Chris, a PhD candidate in anthropology, and Clay, a mysterious, Prospero-like figure. Throughout the piece they reveal, in "Lifemanship Games", more of themselves. What seems at first to be a tale of a couple whose personal and professional problems are fouling up their relationship is shown to be one of a relationship between brother and sister, born of insecurity and fear.

Clay's purpose, far from being to counsel, is to stop Sam, who has worked at Portland Down, spilling some sensitive secrets about atomic leaks. He is as manipulative as her father was. But the characters do not change; only what we know about them does, as often in Lambert's music veils are drawn aside to reveal deeper truths.

The psychology of this intense but moving scenario is well delineated by Richard Bullwinkle's versatile set of two beds and four mobile folding screens, barriers of the mind as well as physical presences. And Michael Rennison's production has its bold strokes. In a long dream sequence Chris, who has returned to his sister after the demise of a deeply involved gay affair, is portrayed in imaginatively staged Jungian scenes of drowning and flying, evocatively lit by Brod Mason, while Sam's recurring nightmare of her father's sexual attentions, chillingly relived by means of taped exchanges, is equally effectively presented.

The music, scored for a mixture of taped and live electronics and a group of percussion, flute and clarinet, is itself an evocative dreamscape punctuated by set numbers – songs, really – whose rhythmic definition, bringing to mind the songs of Weill, sets them aside from the timeless action. The acting (and there is much speaking) is well done, the singing marginally less so, though Andrew Gallagher, as Clay, is commanding in both departments. Philip Curtis is a suitably vulnerable Chris, but he experiences problems singing in his higher register, while Elise Lorraine makes an explosive, childish Sam, given to escape by means of the gin bottle, by screaming, and, ultimately, by overdosing.

S.P.

FASHION by Liz Smith

So fair, sew fine

Beads, cording, intricate embroidery and appliqué add a flourish of design delirium to summer styles, ranging from raffia flowers to beribboned roses





A little fancy work has always been highly prized in clothes. Helen of Troy whiled away the hours languidly picking out battle scenes in an early example of twisted-chain or satin stitch.

For her, as for us, the most basic garment becomes a one-off when embellished with embroidery that squanders what is unquestionably the most priceless ingredient of fashion: time.

From the way we cherish a simple Indian cotton kurta with its smattering of stylized lotus flowers stitched around the button placket, to the reverence that has lately greeted the masterpieces of Lesage, the Paris *parurier* who creates the beaded, beribboned and intricately embroidered work in the party dresses of Saint Laurent, Lacroix and Lagerfeld, needlework is enjoying a revival. Petal stitches and rippled ribbons fan out way beyond the confines of couture and on from this summer season into the next.

Paris has the century-old house of Lesage, whose work also includes a stream of extravagant commissions from Seventh Avenue's top designers; London has the 43-year-old firm of S. Lock where the tradition of beautifully handcrafted embroidery, tambour beading, cording and appliqué is flourishing under Wendy Birch, daughter of the founder, Stanley Lock, and Peggy Umpelby.

It is not simply the more theatrical dresses, "dripping with beads", just completed for *Ziegfeld*, or the two television series for which she has just supplied the glitz, that keeps Peggy busy; it is the increasing demands made by London's fashion designers.

Raffia-embroidered flowers on Bruce Oldfield's summery linens and his jokey Country and Western embroidered detailing last season were worked by Lock's.

Rifat Ozbek's success means orders constantly repeated on his strikingly embroidered jackets. Lavish encrustations for Hardy Amies or Murray Arbeid ballgowns, twinkling *trompe l'oeil* for Alistair Blair evening T-shirts, and the naive appliqué work for the romantic creations of Salmon & Greene are all handcrafted by Peggy and her team of 14 in the West End workrooms. A similar number of outworkers stitch away for S. Lock in their own homes; one of Peggy's most treasured commissions was the embroidery of 13 metres of cream lace for the Princess of Wales's wedding dress.

Look out for the colourful appliqué, pin-tucking and naive embroidery worked in the Far East by craftsmen with centuries of tradition behind them. Much of the fine embroidery seen in high street shops is worked in India or Hong Kong. The art of embroidery thrives too in Central Europe and Mexico, and among the Navaho Indians. In China, embroidery retains all its symbolic significance. Inca, in London, imports colourful Peruvian sweaters smothered with appliqué birds and dolls, priced from £39.50. Edina Ronay recreates her native Hungarian stitches. Zandra Rhodes relies on Indian craftsmanship for her all-over beaded chiffons, adding the finishing touches of appliqué flowers and beads in her workrooms.

Bruce Oldfield uses black ribbon embroidery for winter. He believes embroidery provides a designer with scope. "It is a strong graphic device," he says. "Whether your theme is Inca, Spanish or simply Country and Western, embroidery supplies the most literal translation. It just hits you in the eye."

Raffia flowers, three-dimensional ribbon roses, Spanish fringing and tassles jostle with each other on this summer's livelier styles. By winter, thick encrustations of ribbon-embroidered lace, curls of passementerie and bullion braid and bold chenille embroidery will be added. Nor have designers resisted the temptation to embellish their embroideries even more: pompons are included in the next bit of fancy work.

● Embroidery on show: Joss Graham and Harriet Sandys include lavish traditional embroideries among the Ikat hangings and kelims in the Decorative Arts of Central Asia exhibition opening today at the Zamana Gallery, 1 Cromwell Gardens, London SW7. Pip Rau, who has a shop at Islington Green, London N1, is exhibiting her private collection of antique Ikats from Central Asia at the Crafts Council, Waterloo Place, London SW1.



Above: Colourful appliqué of birds and flowers on white cotton shirt, £140, Workers for Freedom, 4 Lower John Street, W1; Liberty, Regent Street, W1; Harrods, Knightsbridge SW3; Beauchamp Place Shop, 55 Beauchamp Place, SW3. White handknitted cotton cardigan, decorated with flowers, outlined with colourful beads, £227, Artwork from Jones, 13 Floral Street, WC2 and 71 Kings Road, SW3; Harrods, SW3; Erica Harris, Leeds. Black and white striped cuffed trousers in fine wool, £130, Joseph Pour La Ville from Joseph Tricot, 16 South Molton Street, W1; 18 Sloane Street, SW1; 268 Brompton Road, SW3. Natural straw hat with embroidered brim, £175, Kirsten Woodward from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Green and white striped raffia shoes, £85, Johnny Moke, 396 Kings Road, SW10

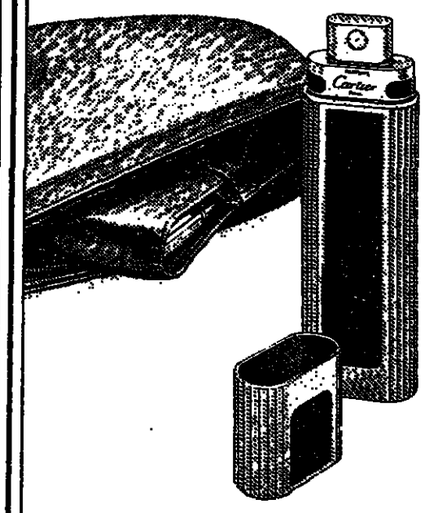
Top left: Raffia flowers and beads embroidered on red linen jacket, £725; Bruce Oldfield, 27 Beauchamp Place, SW3; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1.Gilded plaited ribbon earrings, £50, Sepcoeur, 2a George Street, W1; mail order: 01-935 0206

Far left: Flower-encrusted heart centred on plaited black and white ribbon bustier with peplum, striped grosgrain tulip skirt, £3,000; black and white spotted bangle, £245; striped bangle, £210, all Christian Lacroix Luxe at Harrods. Flower earrings, £65, Chantal at Sepcoeur

Left: Richly decorated Nehru jacket in red linen strewn with appliqué purple flowers, £299, Francine Seward at Liberty. Swagged apron skirt in multi-colour flower printed cotton, with lace-edged petticoat, £210, Byblos Options, Harvey Nichols. Gilded earrings studded with multi-coloured stones, £45, Chantal at Sepcoeur

Hair by John Birchall for Edmonds, 40 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Make-up by Ariane
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PEOPLE

Dancing his way to a win

Graham Trevor Harrison, aged 20, from Huddersfield is the winner of this year's Selfridges Scholarship for the post-graduate course in fashion design at the Royal College of Art. He moves from Dewsbury College in West Yorkshire to take up his place at the RCA in the autumn. Harrison is the third to be awarded the £9,000 two-year scholarship. Launched in 1984, to mark the 75th anniversary of the store, the first winner was Stephen Harris. Justine Tabak, winner in 1986, graduates this summer. Entries come from the cream of the fashion industry's burgeoning talents who have won a place at the RCA. Briefed to create clothes that linked dance with fashion, Harrison produced a colourful scrapbook bursting with background research from ballet which neatly traced the development of both the fabrics chosen and the detailing of his beribboned, striped and elegantly sketched ideas. The judges, Bruce Oldfield and myself, picked as runner-up Jacqueline Rainer from Bracknell, Berkshire, a student at Harrow School of Art. She wins a £800 travel scholarship. Patrick Banville of Liverpool was third.

Yorkshire's better

Prince and *Princess Michael of Kent* will be guests of honour at the fashion show being held at Harewood House on May 19 in aid of Ripon Cathedral. Designers taking part include one of Yorkshire's more glamorous exports, *Bruce Oldfield*, and *Hardy Amies*, *Gina Fratini*, *Penny Green*, *Anouska Hempel*, *Ralph Lauren* and *Zandra Rhodes*.

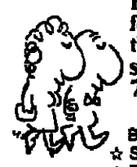
For tickets apply to: Ripon Cathedral Appeal Office, East Wing, The Old Deanery, Ripon, Yorkshire HG4 1QS.



● Yves Saint Laurent launched the new Jazz Age — not only with his new Cubist-inspired, sharply-angled satin jackets (left) but with his new fragrance for men: cool top notes (Russian coriander and juniper), a strong base note (amber, wood, sage), striking black and white pack; and that's Jazz.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Helen Gelzer and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm. £8.50-£14.50. (D)

★ **DOCTOR FAUSTUS:** Stephen Jenn plots to capture Peter Guinness's soul in Marlowe's version of the legend.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, mats Wed Thurs and Fri 2pm. £7.50.

☆ **EMERALD CITY:** Australian hit comedy by David Williamson giving the lowdown on down under
Lyric theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8 -10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm. £4.50-£14.50.

☆ **THE FACTORY GIRLS:** Admirable Druid Theatre from Galway with new Frank McGuinness play.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd, W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Preview tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm. Opnes May 12, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. £8.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm. £5-14.50.

☆ **MOON ON A RAINBOW SHAWL:** Errol John's poignant 50s play: tensions in rural Trinidad.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 2.30pm. £5.50-£7.50.

★ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. £8.50-£20.

★ **ZIEGFELD:** Spectacular musical based on the life of the man who made the famous *Follies*, and costing a bomb. With Len Cariou, Geoffrey Hutchins and Louise Gold.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.45-5.30pm. £3.25-£21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Maytair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171) . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665) . . ☆ **And Then There Were Non:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

JOHANNEUM
(c) The famous classical grammar school for boys, founded at Hamburg in 1529, and still going strong.
DIE HOREN
(a) The high-minded monthly mag. that Schiller began to edit in 1795, with Goethe's support: it was predictably panned by the malevolent tabloid critics.
ENGELHARD
(c) The 13th-century romance of 6,000 verse lines by Konrad von Worzburg, treating the stock themes of loyal friendship and healing a leper by innocent blood, based on a medieval Latin poem.
SCHIRMBECK
(a) Heinrich Schirmbeck, born 1915, journalist, publicist, and author preoccupied with the environmental problems raised by the development of science and technology.

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **The Crucible:** Andrew McCulloch stars in new production of Miller's witch-trial masterpiece.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055). Mon-Thrus 7.30, Fri and Sat 8pm, Wed mat 2.30pm. £2-£6.20. (D)

LEICESTER: ☆ **French Without Tears:** Rattigan's first comedy, set among students at a French cramming school.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. £4-£8.50.

FILMS

🅰 **Also on national release**
➡ **Advance booking possible**

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stephane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

COBRA VERDE (15): A pale copy of Werner Herzog's past excercises in high adventure and visionary dreams; with Klaus Kinski as a disgruntled South American rancher who takes his revenge through banditry (90 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

DUDES (15): Three New York punks head for Hollywood but run into trouble from a crazed gang roaming the West. A heavy-handed excercise from director Penelope Speens; with Jon Cryer, Daniel Roebuck (87 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-2.15, 4.25, 6.30, 8.40.

🅰 **FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC (15):** Botched version of V C Andrews's suspense novel about four children confined by their mother (Victoria Tennant) to an attic. Directed by Jeffrey Bloom (92 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.
➡ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.40, 9.10.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.10, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30.

MAKING MR. RIGHT (15): Gauche crazy comedy from *Desperately Seeking Susan* director Susan Seidelman, with Ann Magnuson as a punkish publicist given the task of promoting an android due to be launched into space (98 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00

TAMPOPO (18): Anecdotes about food fill this offbeat Japanese comedy in which a truck-driver and his friend help a pretty widow overhaul her noodle shop. Directed by Juzo Itami (117 min).
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366) Progs 3.50, 6.35, 8.45.

THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18): Philip Kaufman's massive and majestic adaptation of Milan Kundera's novel; a story of love and political consciousness set against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin (172 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.40, 7.10.
➡ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.35.
➡ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 4.30, 8.00.

UNDER SATAN'S SUN (15): Maurice Pialat's sombre and powerful adaptation of th Georges Bernanos novel, with Sandrine Bonnaire as a precocious teenager on the road to perdition, and Gerard Depardieu as the fanatical priest who tries to save her (98 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.50, 3.50, 5.55, 8.10, 10.15.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **MURRAY MUSIC:** Rona Murray plays violin sonatas by Bach, Schubert and Ravel with Amanda Hurton at the piano.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930). 1.05-2pm, free.

☆ **WIND GAMES:** As part of the End Games series the Royal Academy of Music Wind Ensemble performs Richard Strauss's late Symphony in E flat and Janacek's *Mladi*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 1.30pm. £3.

EVENING

☆ **MUCH NONO:** Still celebrating the opening of the Tate Gallery, Liverpool, the Royal Northern College of Music Percussion Ensemble and others offer their interpretations of Non s *Omaggio a Emilio Vedova*, *Für Paul Dessau* for Tape, *Con Luigi Dallapiccola* for Percussion, *Satterlè onde Serene* and *La Fabbrica Illuminata*.
University Theatre, Liverpool University, Liverpool (051 709 6022, ext 2768). 7.30pm. £2.

☆ **TRY TAN:** Melvyn Tan gives his fortepiano accounts of Beethoven's Variations Op 34 and Sonata Op 110, plus Schubert's last Sonata, in B flat D 960.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **ACTION COMMENDED:** The Goldsmith Quartet presents Ian Willcock's *In Praise of Action*, Ewers's *Lines of Communication*, Skempton's *Aria* and Barney Childs's Quartet No 8.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567). 7.30pm, free.

☆ **WATTS/TATE:** André Watts, a rare visitor from America, solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto o 4 with the ECO under Jeffrey Tate, who also contribute Schumann's Manfred Overture and Symphony No 4.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.45pm, £3-£11.

☆ **ECLECTICS PLUS:** Beginning their "Eclectics and Beyond" series and the Lontano ensemble gives the London premiere of Kraft's *Mélange*, the UK premieres of Dick's *Menstam* and T *might equal C*, and the first performances anywhere of Asia's *Pine Songs* and Butler's *Tin Pan Ballet*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.45pm, £3.50, £4.50.

OPERA

☆ **XERXES:** Revival of Nicholas Hytner's handsome pleasure-garden of a Handel production with original powerful cast led by Ann Murray, Christopher Robson and Lesley Garrett. Charles Mackerras conducts.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). 7.10.35pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **THE KAISER OF ATLANTIS:** Composed by Viktor Ullmann at Terezin concentration camp. Vienna Chamber Opera's production comes from last year's Berlin Festival and is conducted by Kerry Woodward as part of the Bloomsbury Festival.
Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629). 7.30-9.30pm, £6.

☆ **LA BOHEME:** New production for Scottish Opera by Elijah Moshinsky looks promising with Jane Eaglen in the title role and John Mauceri conducting. Opens tonight.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow. (041 331 1234). 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£21.

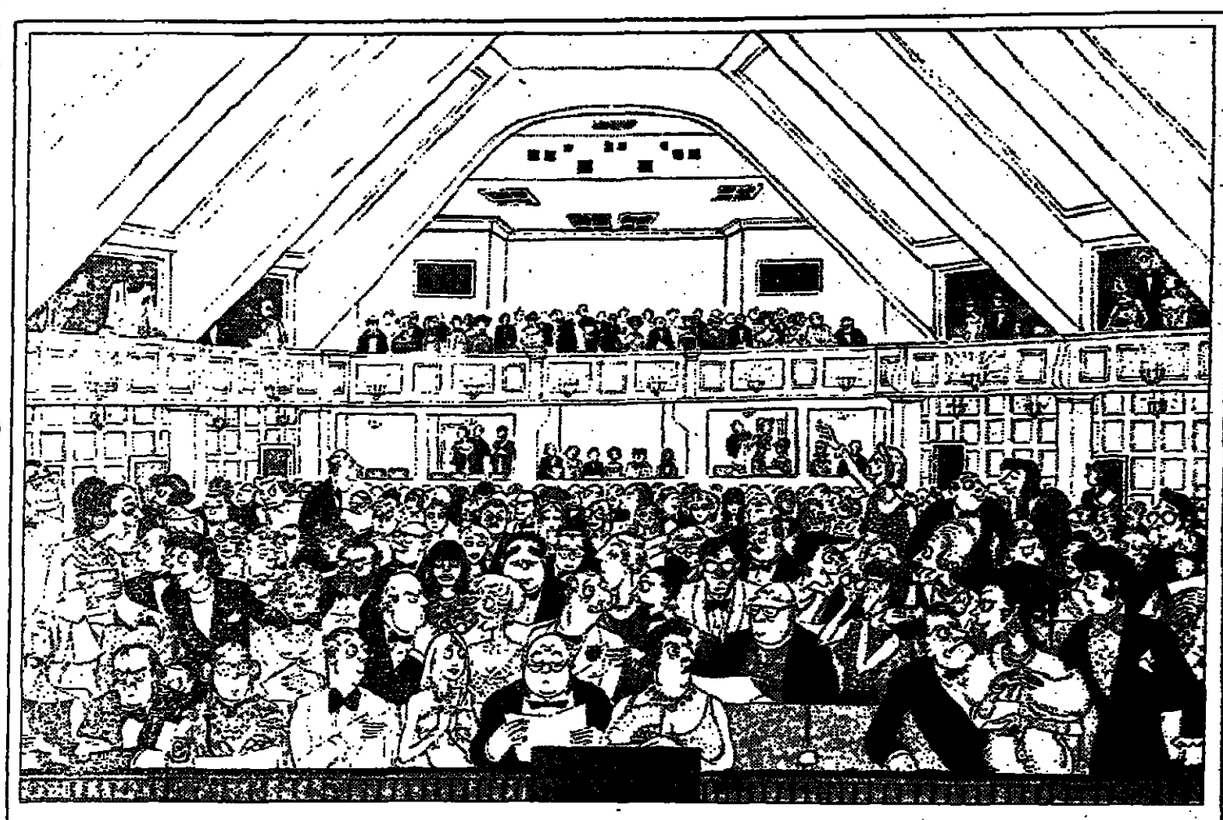
TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(2)	**Perfect**	Fairground Attraction, *RCA*
2	(1)	**Theme From S-Express**	S-Express, *Rhythm King*
3	(10)	**Blue Monday 1988**	New Order, *Factory*
4	(17)	**Loadsamoney**	Harry Enfield, *Mercury*
5	(—)	**She's Leaving Home**	Billy Bragg/Wet Wet Wet, *Childline*
6	(5)	**I Want You Back**	Bananarama, *London*
7	(3)	**Mary's Prayer**	Danny Wilson, *Virgin*
8	(4)	**Who's Leaving Who**	Hazell Dean, *EMI*
9	(18)	**Alphabet Street**	Prince, *Paisley Park*
10	(8)	**I Want You Back**	Michael Jackson/Jackson 5, *Motown*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(1)	**Tango In The Night**	Fleetwood Mac, *Warner Brothers*
2	(—)	**Stay On These Roads**	A-Ha, *Warner Brothers*
3	(—)	**Stronger Than Pride**	Sade, *Epic*
4	(15)	**Christians**	The Christians, *Island*
5	(4)	**Dirty Dancing**	Original Soundtrack, *RCA*
6	(3)	**Now, That's What I Call Music 11**	Various, *EMI/Virgin*
7	(2)	**The Innocents**	Erasure, *Mutè*
8	(8)	**Popped In Souled Out**	Wet Wet Wet, Precious Organization
9	(—)	**More Dirty Dancing**	Original Soundtrack, *RCA*
10	(10)	**Whitney**	Whitney Houston, *Arista*

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A night at the opera

Though less flamboyant, the audience in Christie's Great Rooms this morning will probably be every bit as enthusiastic as the audience depicted in Sir Osbert Lancaster's cover design (above) for the 1969 Glyndebourne programme (expected to fetch between £2,000-£4,000), it is one of the items in the sale of the Moran Caplat Collection. Caplat was general administrator of the Sussex opera house from 1949 to 1981. The collection of 146 stage and costume designs, sketches and portraits illustrates the changing fashions and styles that developed during those years. During Caplat's administration 29 designers worked on Glyndebourne productions. Of those, Caplat considers that Oliver Messel, Osbert Lancaster, Emanuele Luzzati, Hugh Casson, John Bury, David Hockney and Maurice Sendak had the greatest influence. Superb examples of their work, from Messel's romantic impressionism to Lancaster's affectionate wit, are on sale. Other items, by Franco Zeffirelli, Michael Annals, Elizabeth Bury, Erte, Marc, Mel Calman and Bill Tidy will be coveted by collectors and Glyndebourne aficionados alike. Prices for individual items range from £100 to £2,000 and well over £50,000 is expected from the entire sale. The Moran Caplat Collections of Designs for Glyndebourne will be held at Christie's, 8 King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060) today at 11am. *Judy Froshaug*

ROCK

★ **BILLY OCEAN:** Britain's biggest pop-soul export.
Royal Centre, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 411871) 7.30pm, £6.50-£8.50.

★ **VAN MORRISON:** The gruff bard of Celtic soul, appearing with his own band and the Chieftains.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £9-£11.

★ **BONNIE TYLER:** "Total Eclipse Of The Heart" lassie from Wales.
Civic Hall, London Road, Guildford (0483 67314) 7.30pm, £7.

☆ **THE PRIMITIVES:** Coventry-bred Blondie rerun, back in the chart with "Out Of Reach".
Studio, Frogmore Street, Bristol (0272 276193) 7.30pm, £5-£6.

JAZZ

☆ **CLIFFORD JORDAN:** First of three nights from the Chicago tenor player, a contributor to a number of Mingus albums including the classic Paris concert of 1964. Backed tonight by the Peter Ind trio.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £7.

☆ **NANA VASCONCELOS:** A prolific sideman, the Brazilian percussionist leads his own accessible fusion band, Bush Dance.
Videotek, Church Walk, Peterborough (info 0733 60945) 8pm, £5.

☆ **GONZALO RUBALCABA:** Return of the acclaimed Cuban pianist. Support is from the house band.
Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £8. (members £2).

DANCE

★ **ONDINE:** Gala première of the Royal Ballet's revival of Ashton romantic ballet to music by Hans Werner Henze.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.15pm, £1.50-£100.

★ **SWAN LAKE:** Natalia Makarova's production for London Festival Ballet.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771). 7.30-10pm, £12.

★ **CHERI:** Scottish ballet gives this and *Five Ruckert Songs* as a tribute to its late director Peter Darrell.
Studio Theatre, West Princes Street, Glasgow (041-227 5511), 7.30-9.30pm £7.50.

GALLERIES

ADAM BARKER-MILL: An installation called Space Light
Anta Gallery, 46, Crispin Street, London E1 (01-247 1834), Mon-Fri, 10-6pm, free, until June 10.

MARGARET SMITH: Recent landscape paintings and monotypes.
Bernard Jacobson Gallery, 2a, Cork Street, London W1 (01-439 8355), Mon-Fri, 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until June 4.

IMPRESSIONIST AND POST-IMPRESSIONIST DRAWINGS: See caption.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, London WC1 (01-580 1015). Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1.50, until September 4.



For more than a year the Courtauld Institute's famous collection of French Impressionist paintings have been touring America, raising funds for the Institute's removal next year from Bloomsbury to larger premises in Somerset House. To celebrate the return of these pictures an exhibition of Impressionist and post-Impressionist drawings — including Woman Trying On A Hat (above), a pastel by Dégas opening tomorrow (see listing). Besides items by Gauguin, Van Gogh, Manet, Pissarro and Renoir, the show features seven notable late works by Cézanne.

GERD SONNTAG: Large, bold expressionist pictures by an East German artist exhibiting in Britain for the first time.
City Artists Association, 75, East Road, London N1 (01-253 2046), daily, 12-6pm, free, until May 28.

MOMENTS OF BEING: An Arts Council touring show of 60 paintings from Constable to Pollock.
DLI Museum and Arts Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham (091 384 2214), Tues-Sat, 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until June 5.

NORMAN ADAMS: Religious, landscape and still life watercolours and oils by the Keeper of the Royal Academy.
Colnaghi, 14, Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-491 7408), Mon-Fri, 9.30-6pm, free, until May 21.

RICHARD GORMAN: Abstract paintings by an acclaimed Irish artist.
Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, 4, New Burlington Place, London W1 (01-434 1768), Mon-Fri, 10-5.30pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm, free, until June 4.

UKIYO-E: A selection of colourful Japanese-woodblock prints by Utamaro and other influential artists.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555), Mon-Sat, 10-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free, until August 14.

WALKS

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3 (also next Tues).

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 2pm, £3 (also next Tues).

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3 (also next Tues).

INSIDE LEGAL LONDON — INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Tues).

OTHER EVENTS

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTORS FAIR: Monthly event with 200 stands selling a wide variety of antiques and collectables.
The Brighton Centre, Brighton, East Sussex, (0273-203131). 10am to 5pm. Small admission charge.

TATTON SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK: Events geared to the over-60s with guided tours of the house and gardens, "meet the gardener" sessions, flower arranging demonstrations, tea dances and recitals — on selected days.
Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire. (Info: 0565 54822). Until May 13, daily 11-5pm, admission for senior citizens 60p, other adults £1.

THE MARY SOMERVILLE ART FAIR: An exhibition whose aim is to promote the work of young talented artists. Over two thirds of the exhibitors have graduated from major art schools in the past three years.
Smith's Galleries, 54-56 Eartham Street, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-836-6252). Until May 21 (closed May 11 and May 15). 11-6pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL OPERA: Booking for July, with performances of *Elektra*, based on Sophocles, with Gwyneth Jones in title role; *Don Giovanni* with Kiri Te Kanawa and Thomas Allen; and *Boris Godunov*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066/1911)
Postal booking opens today.

THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL: Students from lower and upper schools in programme of works by Bintley (*En Bateau*, and *Flowers of the Forest*,) Macmillan and Cranko, July 21.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).
Postal booking opens today.

LAST CHANCE

GRAHAM AND ANN ARNOLD: Paintings and drawings by two members of the Ruralist Brotherhood.
Piccadilly Gallery, 16 Cork Street, London W1 (01-629 2875). Ends Saturday.

GIACOMETTI AND MATISSE: 150 original lithographs of Paris from book associated with Giacometti's career; plus compositions from Matisse's "Jazz" published in 1947. Until Sun.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002).

STEPHEN MASTERSON: Figurative paintings called "Angels of History." Ends Sat.
The Rebecca Hosack Gallery, 35 Windmill Street, London W1 (01-409 3599).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

EXHIBITIONS

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6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Social Terrors* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Viewers comment on yesterday's television programmes **9.20 Kilroy!** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on why some people are ruled by compulsive rituals
10.00 News and weather followed by **Four Square.** Quiz game (r).
10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School,** presented by Fred Harris with guest, Janet Palmer (r), and **Paddington** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Shirley Dixon with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes introduce programme makers to their critics.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Bodymatters.** Drs Graeme Garden, Alan Maryon Davis and Gillian Rice look into vision (r). (Ceefax) **12.30 Wildlife on One.** How the US Navy learned to live with the Laysan albatross (r). **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Jane's visit to Mike has major repercussions **1.50 Four Square.** Quiz game
2.15 The High Chaparral. Western adventures (r). **3.00 Valerie.** American domestic comedy series starring Valerie Harper (r). **3.25 The Clothes Show** celebrates the centenary of the Merchant Tailors.
3.50 Sebastian the Incredible Drawing Dog with Michael Barrymore (r). **4.00 Doodle 4.15 Jonny Bigga.** Episode 11 of the 13-part serial (r). **4.30 Pole Position.** Animated adventures (r).
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Degrassi Junior High. Drama series about the pupils and staff of a school in Canada. (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather **6.25 London Plus.**
7.00 Three Up, Two Down. Domestic comedy starring Michael Elphick and Angela Thorne (r). (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. Chris Smith is optimistic enough about his haulage business to think about recruiting more staff; and Angie confides in Kathy. (Ceefax)
8.00 Brushstrokes. Comedy starring Karl Howman as an amorous painter and decorator (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 Steptoe and Son. Harold is asked to perform in the local amateur dramatics festival and thinks that this is the first step to stardom. Albert does not share his enthusiasm. Starring Harry H. Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Talking Heads: Soldiering On. Stephanie Cole stars as a recently widowed wife of a stockbroker taking stock of her life, past, present and future. (Ceefax)
10.05 Film: The Sender (1982) starring Kathryn Harrold and Zeljko Ivanek. An unusual love story about an attempted suicide and the psychiatrist who is treating him. She gradually realizes that she is receiving visions transmitted by the man in his sleep. Directed by Roger Christian.
11.35 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: How Electricity is Generated. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**
9.20 Daytime on Two: a series for maths teachers of 11- to 16-year-olds **9.52** How second year students solve mysteries about a church in Yorkshire **10.15** Jo ha to decide whether or not to reveal a secret when her friend's safety is at risk **10.38** A slum-dwelling family in the Brazil's third largest city **11.00** Conserving the countryside's wildlife **11.18** Episode three of a five-part adventure in French **11.35** Microelectronics **12.00** Problems for 10- to 12-year-olds **12.05 Ceefax 12.20** Jane Austen's letters to her niece **12.50** A Spanish language course for beginners.
1.20 Postman Pat (r)
1.38 Big Top Science examines what is in the water we drink and how to build an aquarium.
2.00 News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds featuring Bill Owen (r).
2.15 Sign Extra (r).
2.40 Under Sail. With Dave Wharton of Whitby in his coble *Gratitude* at the international festival of traditional sailing boats at Douarnenez in Brittany (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by **One in Four.** Magazine series for the disabled introduced by Isobel Ward, Simon Barnes and Chris Davies. This month's edition includes an interview with the transport minister Peter Bottomley; an item on access to the countryside; and tips on easier gardening. (subtitled)
3.35 Writers' Houses. Dannie Abse visits the Laugharne home of Dylan Thomas (r).
3.50 News and weather.
4.00 Dr Kildare. Episode four of the six part medical drama serial starring Richard Chamberlain and Raymond Massey (r).
4.25 An Actor's Life for Me. Among those reminiscing about the highs and the lows of a thespian's life are Jane Asher, Michael Gambon, Leslie Phillips, Ron Moody and Max Wall (r).
5.00 Reefwatch. A repeat of the programme shown on Sunday live from the coral reefs of the Red Sea.
5.25 Northern Lights. A portrait of Jack Hulme as he photographs Fryston (r).
5.30 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale (r).
6.00 International Pro-Celebrity Golf introduced by Peter Alliss. Lee Trevino and Sandy Lyle are joined by Terry Wogan and Bill Beaumont over a selected nine holes of the Alisa Course at the Turnberry Hotel.
6.30 Architecture at the Crossroads. This ninth of 10 programmes on contemporary architecture focuses on Berlin's International Building Exhibition of 1987 (r).
7.30 The Man Who Planted Trees. The 1988 Academy Award winning animated film about an untutored peasant who single-handedly transformed a barren landscape.
8.00 Connoisseur. Art quiz presented by Bamber Gascoigne. This second heat's competitors are Monica Bohm-Duchen, Timothy Noad, John Pinkerton and Peter Wilcockson. (Ceefax)
8.30 Brass Tacks: The English Disease. A documentary in which David Taylor examines what English football clubs are doing towards controlling the hooligan element and the violence on the terraces.
9.00 Naked Video. Comedy sketches and music featuring, among others, Helen Lederer, Ron Bain and Elaine C. Smith (r). (Ceefax)
9.30 The Nature of Australia. The fourth programme of the series. Film of an arid region after experiencing its first rainfall in years. Rivers and fish appear, frogs leap about and desert plants bloom, transforming the area. (Ceefax)
10.25 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day. Presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.10 Weather.
11.15 Behind the Beat Special. The O'Jays in concert at London's Hammersmith Odeon.
11.45 Open University: State and Society. Ends at **12.15am**

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6.00 TV-am begins with **The Sports Show** presented by Geoff Clark. The guests are Wilie Carson and Jim McGrath; **6.30 The Morning Show** with Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** introduced by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes a look at high street summer fashion.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Cross Wits. Quiz game **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Rainbow.** Puppet series **11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 About Britain. Reptile conservation work of the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust **12.00 The Krypton Factor** (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.**
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news 1.30 Quincy.** The investigative pathologist tries to prove that a cremated wife was murdered (r).
2.30 The Treatment. Coping with obsessions; and arthritis pain relief **3.00 Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan with the recipe for real sausages **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama serial
4.00 Rainbow (r). **4.15 The Moomins** (r). **4.25 Who's Next.** Young people comment on children's programmes **4.35 Inspector Gadget.** Cartoon series.
5.00 Bellamy's Bugle. David Bellamy searches for fluke fisher on the sands of Morecambe Bay **5.15 Winner Takes All.** Family quiz presented by Geoffrey Wheeler.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news** followed by **Crimestoppers.**
6.25 Help with news for head injury sufferers.
6.30 Connections. General knowledge quiz
7.00 Headliners. Quiz about newspaper stories of the past, presented by Derek Jameson. This week Nigel Dempster and Philippa Kennedy are joined by Sharron Davies, Mike Read, Vivien Stuart and Tim Rice.
7.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. Comedy about a group of Geordie brickies working in West Germany (r). (Oracle)
8.00 The Cook Report. The intrepid Roger Cook goes where angels fear to tread.
8.30 Home to Roost. Situation comedy series starring John Thaw and Reece Dinsdale as a divorced man and his son (r). (Oracle)
9.00 King & Castle. The first of a new series of the comedy drama starring Derek Martin and Nigel Planer as a pair of debt collectors.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30 Thames news.**
10.35 Munich — The Peace of Paper (see Choice).
12.05am Film: Panic on the 5.22 (1974) starring Ina Balin, Bernie Casey and Lynda Day George. A made-for-television drama about a group of well-to-do passengers who are being held hostage by a gang of hoodlums in the club car of a New York-bound train. Directed by Harvey Hart.
1.30 Worlds Beyond: Serenade for Dead Lovers. A tale of the supernatural starring Nancy Travis and Jason Connery (r).
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Cervantes the Young Rebel** (1967) starring Horst Buchholz and Gina Lollobrigida. The story of the early years of the Spanish novelist Miguel de Cervantes. Directed by Vincent Sherman.
4.30 Nashville Swing with Bobby Hare and Wendy Holcombe.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools: wildlife and pollution in Britain's ponds, streams and canals **9.47 Junior maths 10.04** Episode three of *Rose,* by Jan Mark **10.21** Oral communication **10.43** The problems and challenges of leisure and independence **11.05** A five-year-old with muscular dystrophy **11.22** Science — machines **11.41** History to be found along a stretch of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.
12.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school series for children.
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Autocare. The third of a five-part Open College series on looking after one's car (r). (Oracle) **1.30 It's a Deal.** Part three of an Open College series for those starting or thinking about a career in sales (r). (Oracle)
2.00 The Parliament Programme
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from York. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the Lambson Chemical Stakes (2.35); the Paul Caddick and Macgay Sprint Trophy (3.05); the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes (3.40); and the Yorkshire Television Stakes (4.10).
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by Rose Meyer, a London secretary.
5.00 Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent.
5.30 Glorious Colour. The second of Kaffe Fassett's five-part series on knitwear. (Oracle)
6.00 Sumo. The first of eight programmes of highlights from the Grand September sumo wrestling tournament (r).
6.45 Challenge to Sport. The joys of judo presented in pop video style (r).
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment and **Weather.**
8.00 Brookside. Paul has Mona's house valued; Gordon and Christopher announce that they are getting a mortgage between them; and Jonathan discovers his back garden full of trees. (Oracle)



Getting to grips with the subtleties of martial arts (Sumo: C4, 6.00pm)

8.30 Moneyspinner from the Old Market Hall, Shrewsbury.
9.00 The Media Show ends the current season with a feature of making films in monochrome and includes interviews with film-makers Wim Wenders and Martin Scorscese; and a profile of the electricians' union, the EETPU.
10.00 A Town Like Alice. Episode five of the six-part serial based on Nevil Shute's love story and Jean and Joe are reunited on the Great Barrier Reef (r).
11.00 Voices: The Trouble With Truth. John Searle defends our sense of reality from the assaults of a new post-modern philosophy. With philosophers David Krell and Gianni Vattimo.
12.00 Ghosts in the Machine. Video adventure set in the back of a Parisian taxi
12.15am Nightworks: Tzigane. Ravel's violin work performed by Bettina Boller.
12.30 L'Heure Espagnole. Ravel's opera starring Elizabeth Laurence and Michel Senechal and the Nouvel Orchestre de Radio — France, conducted by Armin Jourdan (r).
1.30 Chasing Rainbows — A Nation and its Music. The first of a seven part documentary series on popular music in Britain, made by Jeremy Marre (r). Ends at **2.30.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **9.30** Week In Week Out **10.00** Talking Heads **10.35** Film: The Sender **12.05am-12.10** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotamun **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.45-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** News **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** Nothing But the Best **1.20** Anglia News and weather **1.30-2.30** The Love Boat **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **12.05am** Prisoner Cell Block H **1.00** Three's Company **1.30** America's Top Ten **2.00** Return to Eden **3.00** The Forum Presents **4.00-5.00** The Silk Road

BORDER As London except:**1.20pm** Border News **1.30** The Love Boat **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Lookaround Tuesday **12.05am** Weather, close

CENTRAL As London except:**12.30pm** Home Cookery Club **12.35-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.30** Crazy Like a Fox **2.25-2.30** The Fashionmaker **3.30** Sons And Daughters **6.00-6.30** Central News **12.05am** Film: The Andromeda Strain **2.30** America's Top Ten **3.00** Superstars of Wrestling **3.35** Dimension 2004 **4.25** Central Jobfinder '88

CHANNEL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** The Parlour Game **1.20** Channel News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00** A Country Practice **2.30** Talk The High Road **2.57** Puffin's Plaice **3.00** The Krypton Factor **3.30** Sons and Daughters **3.57** Puffin's Plaice **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **12.05am** Donahue **1.05** Film: Eyes of Laura Mars **2.55** Company, close

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.30-1.00pm** Romance **1.20** Grampian Headlines **1.30** The Love Boat **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take The High Road **12.05am** The Twilight Zone **12.35** Close

GRANADA As London except:**1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** The Love Boat **2.25-2.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Sons And Daughters **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **12.05am** Film: The Andromeda Strain **2.30** America's Top 10 **3.00** Sports Action **3.35** The Power Hour **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** The Pruitts of Southampton **1.20** HTV News **1.30-2.30** The Love Boat **6.00-6.30** HTV News **12.05am** Nothing But the Best **12.25** Weather

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-6.30** Wales at Six

TSW As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** People With A Passion **1.20pm** Today News and Weather **1.30** Matlock **3.30-4.00** Sons And Daughters **6.00-6.30** Today **12.05am** America's Top Ten **12.35** Postscript **12.40** Weather, close

TVS As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** The Parlour Game **1.20** TVS News And Weather **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00** A Country Practice **2.30** Take The High Road **3.00** The Krypton Factor **3.30-4.00** Sons And Daughters **6.00** Coast To Coast **6.30-6.30** Police 5 **12.05am** Donahue **1.05** Film: Eyes of Laura Mars **2.55** Company, close

TYNE TEES As London except:**1.20pm** Regional News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30-2.30** Beyond 2000 **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **12.05am** Epilogue **12.15-6.00** Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except:**1.30pm-2.30** The Outsider **3.30-4.00** Look Who's Talking **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-6.30** Ask Anne **12.05am** California Highways **12.30** News, close

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.30pm-1.00** An Invitation To Remember **1.20** Calendar News **1.30-2.30** Highway To Heaven **3.30-4.00** Sons And Daughters **6.00-6.30** Calendar **12.05am** The Twilight Zone **12.30** Jobfinder **1.30** Close

S4C Starts:**9.30am** Ysgolion **12.00** Countdown **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Open College **2.00** The Amateur Naturalist **2.30** Racing From York **4.05** Ffalabalam **4.20** Haloc **5.00** Bewitched **5.30** Busting The Block **6.00** Brookside **6.30** The Cosby Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Pobl 'Allen **8.00** Treasure Hunt, News Headlines **9.05** Proms Cymru **9.50** Merched Abraham **10.20** Girls On Top **10.50** Who Dares Wins **11.35** Scales of Justice **12.05am** Close

RTE 1 Starts:**4.00pm** News and Weather followed by Dempsey's Den and Bosco **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Dilin O Deamhas **4.45** Defenders of the Earth **5.10** Comedy Capers **5.25** Video Time **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Head Of The Class **7.00** All at No 20 **7.30** Murder, She Wrote **8.25** Face Of The Earth **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Hooperman **10.35** Bordertine **11.35** News **11.40** Close

RTE 2 Starts:**5.00pm** Emmerdale Farm **5.25** Scotland's Story **5.55** Tomorrow's World **6.30** A Country Practice **7.00** Indonesia **7.30** A Musical Journey **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** Cursai **8.40** Sledge Hammer! **9.10** Chears **9.40** Black Forest Clinic **10.30** Newsnight **10.50** Wiseguy **11.45** Nightlight **11.50** Close



Neville Chamberlain returns from Munich to announce that Adolf Hitler had promised not to go to war (ITV, 10.35pm)

Falling for the Fuhrer's falsehood

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Produced by the team responsible for the excellent Channel 4 series on recent British politics, *The Writing on the Wall,* **Munich: The Peace of Paper** (ITV, 10.35pm) is a 50th anniversary reconstruction of the Czechoslovak crisis of the summer and autumn of 1938 which first threatened, and finally postponed, the Second World War. Using the familiar TV documentary conventions of news film and interviews, glued together by a commentary (written and spoken by Robert Kee), the programme does not offer any startling new thesis or interpretation. But it does present a lucid and balanced account of a complex issue and like *The Writing on the Wall* it is excellent television, an expert blend of sound and visuals, tightly edited to give a strong, coherent narrative. On the one hand the Munich settlement was a betrayal by Britain and France of central Europe's last democratic bastion. Against this, the Allies judged that their peoples were in no mood for war. regarded Czechoslovakia as expendable and thought they could buy time by giving Hitler what he wanted. Chamberlain's beaming return to Britain with the famous piece of paper may strike us as fatuous, but the cheering crowds tell their own story. Chamberlain's delusion was that he could make deals with Hitler, as, early in his career, he had dealt with businessmen in Birmingham. Expecting a hostile reception, Daladier, the French premier, was similarly greeted but less deluded. "These people," he confided to an aide as his plane landed at Le Bourget, "are crazy." Strangely enough, the one person disappointed by Munich was Hitler, deprived of the war he had been relishing. But he only had to wait another 12 months.

Peter Waymark

Milne's version

RADIO CHOICE

● The most understated comment you are likely to hear on radio tonight comes from Frank Gillard, interviewing the BBC's former Director-General Alasdair Milne (Radio 4, 8.30pm). "Things," says Gillard, "were never static in your days at the BBC." Which is like saying that war is an intermission between periods of peace. It is 15 months since Milne resigned from the Corporation, and 15 months is a long time in broadcasting, especially as hardly a day goes by without some fresh crisis. Strange that it has taken 15 months for Milne to give his first full account of the events that preceded his departure? Not strange at all when we learn that his book about the battles of Broadcasting House is soon to be published. But if tonight's interview is hype, at least it is hype of a riveting sort. I don't think anything that emerges about Milne's tussles with the BBC board of governors is actually new, but the fact that we get it straight from the horse's mouth makes all the difference. As you would expect, Milne is prompted to comment on the clashes over the TV coverage of the Falklands war, *The Monocled Mutineer* and *Brimstone and Treacle,* and — in fine detail — the blazing row over the *Real Lives* documentary about terrorism in Northern Ireland that brought down the curtain on his days as D G. Now, with all passion spent, his head will hang in B H. Not from the battlements (as some might have wished) but framed in the council chamber's portrait gallery.



Alasdair Milne: a riveting type of hype (R4, 8.30pm)

Peter Davalle

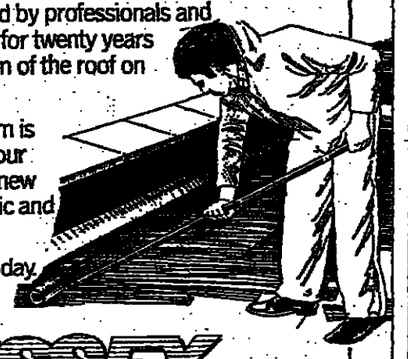
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Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Nicky Campbell **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** The Evening Show **10.00-12.00** John Peel
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1)
News on the hour.
4.00am Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Robert Parker's A to Z of Jazz **7.35** Steve Race presents The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** Say It With Music **10.00** Another Digance Indulgence **10.30** Back To Square One **11.00** Frank Delaney presents Round Midnight **1.00** Patrick Lunt presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Counterpoint 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 This Particular Place 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Tech Talk 8.30 Jesuits 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 Seven Ages of Man 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 Letter From Scotland 11.30 Citizens 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Rhythms of the Sun 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 English by Radio 4.45 Londres Soir 5.30 Heure Absolue 6.00 Programmes in German 7.00 Outlook 7.30 Stock Market Report 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Meridian 8.55 News Summary 9.01 Time for Verse 9.10 Turning Over New Leaves 9.15 Can Communism Cope? 9.45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter from Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Concert Hall 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Big Bands — The Singers 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Six Four Eight News 3.35 Financial News 3.45 Morgenmagazin 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News and Twenty-four Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Purcell (Overture in G minor: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G, Op 79: Emil Gilels); Haydn (Symphony No 1 in D: Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Masur with Salvatore Accardo); Satie, orch Debussy (Gymnopédies Nos 1 and 3: CBSO under Frémaux); Tippett (Concerto for double string orchestra: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Chopin, Introduction and Polonaise in C, Op 3, by Stanislas Firle) (cello) and Anna Wesalowska (piano); Enchantment (Polish Songs Op 74) by Elisabeth Soderström (soprano) and Vladimir Ashkenazy (piano); and Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor Op 11 by LPO under Eliahu Inbal with Claudio Arrau
9.35 Handel: (last in the series) Handel's 1739 trio-sonatas and sonata for recorder and continuo by L'Ecole d'Orphée under Holloway with Philip Pickett (recorder)
10.10 Southern Cathedrals Festival: Combined Cathedral Choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester under Richard Seal, Alan Thurlow and Martin Neary with William Kendall (tenor), Jane Lister (harp) and Timothy Byram-Wigfield (organ) perform pieces by Martin, Janacek, Harvey, Tavener and Harris
10.50 Nielsen and Hubsy: Kathleen Winkler (violin) and Michael Dussek (piano) play Nielsen's Violin Sonata No 2 Op 35 and Jeno Hubsy's Heire Kati, Op 32 (r)
11.20 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: José Serebrier conducts Mozart's Symphony No 25 in G minor (K 183); Turina's La oracion del torero; Strauss's Horn Concerto No 2; and Dvorak's Symphony No 8 in G. With Barry Tuckwell (horn)
1.00 News
1.05 Australian Concert Hall: Recital by the Australian soprano Marilyn Dale with Piers Lane (piano) includes pieces by Mozart, Debussy, Duparc, Albeniz, Granados, and Turnia
2.00 Figures in a Landscape: Works by Australian composers that illustrate their response to their environment. Richard Mills (Overture with Fanfare: West Australian SO under the composer); Nigel Butterley (The White Throated Warbler: Carl Dolmetsch, sopranino recorder, and Joseph Saxby, harpsichord); John Antill (Ballet suite Corroboree: ABC Sydney SO under Goossens); Peter Sculthorpe (Sun Music I: Melbourne SO under Hopkins); Margaret Sutherland (Sonatina: Penelope Thwaites, piano); Alfred Hill (String Quartet No 17: Austral String Quartet); and Percy Grainger (Music to an imaginary ballet, The Warriors: Melbourne SO under John Hopkins)
3.30 Beethoven: Anner Bylsma, cello, and Malcolm Bilson, fortepiano, play Sonata in F, Op 5 No 1: Piano Sonata in D minor, Op 31 No 2: Variations on Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen, Op 66; and Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 2
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Presented by Edward Blakeman
6.30 Songs of the Tiwi: Andrée Grau introduces songs by Australian aboriginal peoples
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear in Glasgow: Novelist Allan Massie talks to Glasgow poet and playwright Liza Lochhead
7.30 Albion Ensemble: Elizabeth Maconchy's Quintet (r)
8.00 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Live from the National Concert Hall in Dublin. Sergiu Comissiona conducts Beethoven's Symphony No 6 in F (Pastoral); and Stravinksy's Petrushka (1947 version). Includes **8.45** Professor Dennis Donoghue talks about Dublin, with images of the fair city from Yeats, Joyce and present-day artists as illustration
9.55 The Old Goat Gone: by Ted Whitehead. With James Ellis, Eileen Atkins and Michael Angelis (r)
10.55 Words: (r)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Karl Goldmark. Scherzo in A; String Quartet in B flat; Symphonic poem — In Spring; a setting of one of Byron's Hebrew Melodies; and Scherzo (Symphony No 2) (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.34** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.20** Your Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: Following last week's BMA report, today's subject is euthanasia. Call 01-580 4411 to participate
10.00 News; Medicine Now: includes items on neurological diseases in Guam; major tranquilizers; and the anaesthesia of young children
10.30 Morning Story: There When You're Wanted by Mike Hall. Read by Polly James
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens
11.25 From our own Correspondent
11.50 Snapshots from the Roof of the World (new series): In the first of four radio "pictures" of the remote Himalayan region of Ladakh, photographer Tim Malyon walks up the frozen river Zanskar and visits the tiny brass-making village of Chilling
12.00 News; You and Yours with Susan Rae reports on the problems of coping with multiple birth
12.25 My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game with John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: Presented by Nick Worrall
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a feature on the effect opting out will have on school services such as careers advice and parent/teacher liaison; Wendy Perriam and Sally Beauman discussing whether there is a formula for writing a best-seller; and Dr Elizabeth Maxwell (French-born wife of Robert) talking about the conference Remembering For The Future, which is being held in the summer
3.00 News; Act of Mercy: Play by Michael Wall. With David Threlfall and Holly Aird (s)
3.32 Comparing Notes: Richard Baker in conversation with Christopher Raeburn, the manager of opera production at Decca International, and Ted Perry, the managing director of Hyperion Records (s)
4.00 News
4.05 In Business: Presented by David Lomax (last in the series)
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM: With Robert Williams and Valerie Singleton **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Jarvis's Frayn: Martin Jarvis in the last of Michael Frayn's series of unguarded observations (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Analysis of major issues at home and abroad. Justin Webb reports on lobbying
8.00 Revolutions in Sound: Robin Ray presents the third of six programmes celebrating 100 years of the gramophone. War and Peace (s) (r)
8.30 Alasdair Milne: (s) (see Choice)
9.15 In Touch: A report on how computers can help the blind at work and at home
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a preview of the Royal Academy's 220th Summer Exhibition; a review of the Academy of Ancient Music's recording of Beethoven's Piano Concertos 1-5; and a feature on E.M. Delafield, who died in 1943 and whose *Diary of a Provincial Lady* is still popular today
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut (2 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools **11.00** Time and Tune **11.20** Time to Move **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind (Stories) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Health Education: My Body **2.25** Mainstream GCSE **5.50-5.55** PM (cont) **11.30** Open University: **11.30** Information Technology **11.50** Technology: National Power **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time: Problem-solving and decision-making

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Illegal party outwits KGB

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Members of a new Soviet opposition party, the Democratic Union, defied a police crackdown yesterday and succeeded in meeting in Moscow to adopt a party programme. In a police swoop on the original venue of the founding meeting six people, including the prominent dissident Mr Sergei Grigoryants, were arrested.

According to Mr Yuri Mityunov, a party spokesman, a circle of uniformed militia men and plain clothes KGB agents prevented some 70 people from entering the offices of the independent journal *Glasnost* where the founding meeting of the rival to the Soviet Communist Party had been scheduled.

He claimed that despite the action ordered by the Kremlin, those outside moved on to a nearby cultural club and managed to meet for 30 minutes, during which they adopted a party programme and passed a resolution on membership before the police ordered them out.

Earlier, a further 14 people were detained after attending a founding session in a Moscow flat on Sunday evening. Mr Mityunov said that the authorities had originally held 23 out of 60 people in the flat — one of three used by the new party for its inaugural conference — but that all but 14 had been released. "The ones held overnight were from out of town and refused to leave Moscow," he explained.

He told Western journalists that before yesterday's clandestine session, the party's platform called for a new Soviet constitution that would allow for a multi-party system and parliamentary democracy. It also demanded the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Eastern Europe.

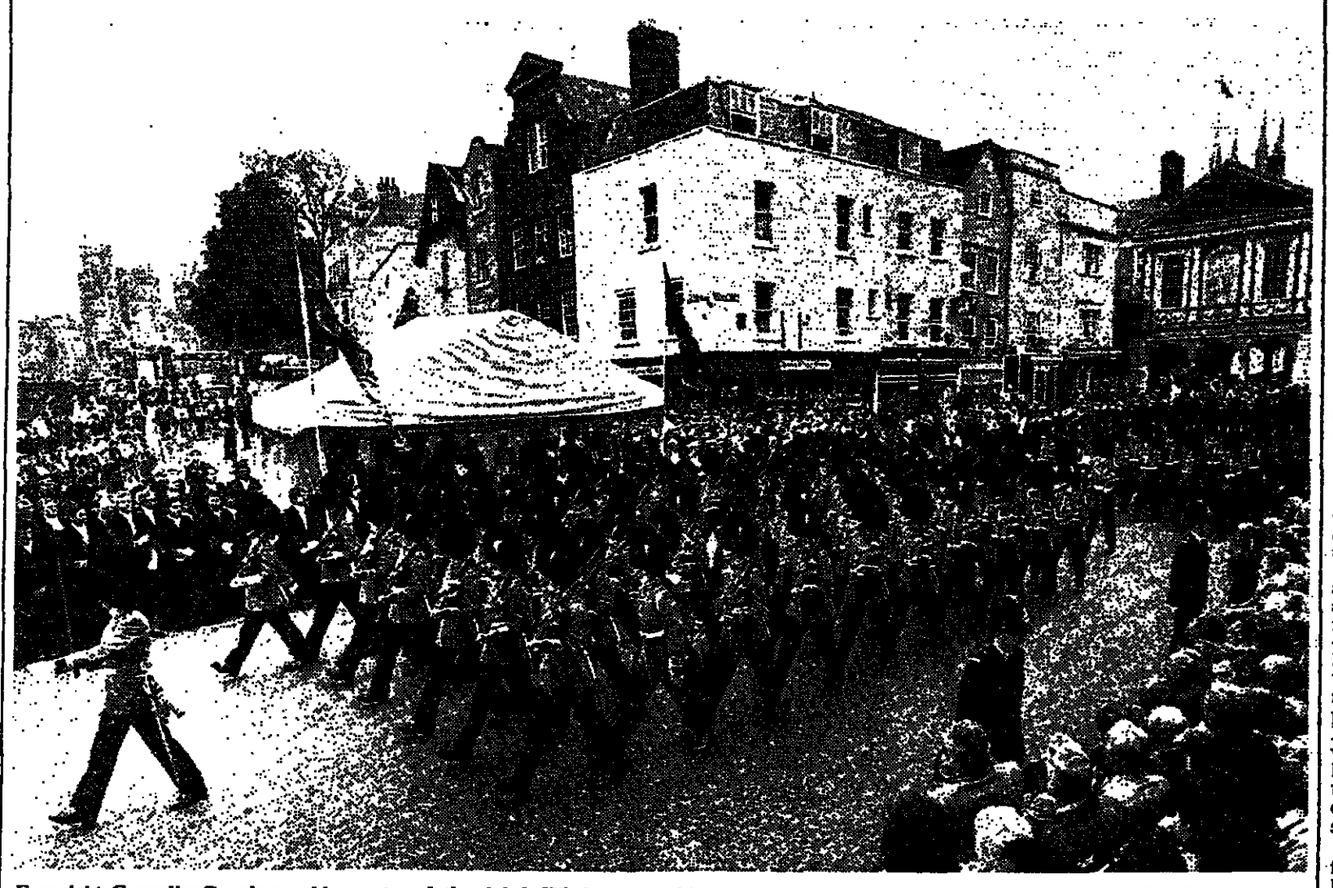
As part of the clampdown against the new opposition grouping, 11 of those arrested on Sunday were yesterday expelled from Moscow and put on a plane to Leningrad. Three others were still being held, but were likely to be sent back home soon.

The action of the uniformed police backed by the KGB was understood to have been sanctioned at a high level in the Kremlin. It was dramatic confirmation that the new programme of "socialist pluralism" called for by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, does not encourage the establishment of any new parties.

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Gdansk — Lord Bethell, who is visiting Poland as part of the Anglo-Polish Round Table, was detained for 50 minutes by police near the strikebound Lenin shipyard here (Richard Bassett writes). Lord Bethell, who said that he had only been taking photographs of architecture, had his film confiscated. In a separate incident, Western journalists had their notebooks and films seized and were warned by police not to try to enter the shipyard ..... Page 6

Grenadiers mark freedom of Windsor



Eyes right: Grenadier Guards marching past a saluting dais in Windsor, Berkshire, yesterday to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the freedom of the Royal borough. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Mayor of Windsor took the salute at the foot of Castle Hill (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Drivers blockade Dover and Calais

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after it had appeared at the weekend that several local union branches were prepared to return to work.

NUS members at the key port of Portsmouth reversed an earlier decision to return to work after being addressed by Mr McCluskie. The union said also that seamen at Weymouth had voted to rejoin the dispute.

Industrial action was also reported by NUS members at Harwich, Felixstowe, Great Yarmouth, Hull, Middlesbrough, South Shields, Peterhead, Aberdeen, Stranraer, Barrow, Belfast, Fleetwood, Heysham, Liverpool, Holyhead, Fishguard, Falmouth and Folkestone.

The situation with the crew aboard the 46,000 ton P&O cruise ship Canberra, which berthed at Southampton yesterday remained unclear with the NUS claiming that the company had banned seamen aboard from taking shore leave to prevent them from meeting union representatives to dicuss escalating the action.

A team of Dover lorrymen last night met Mr Graeme Dunlop, managing director of P&O European Ferries, and threatened to continue the blockade until the company agreed to resume negotiations with the NUS.

Mr Tony Budell, 43, from Canterbury, Kent, said: "We have asked the NUS at Dover, and they say they are willing to talk to P&O. We have asked P&O and they say they are not willing to negotiate with the seamen.

"If P&O's management does not have a change of mind, the blockade of the berths will remain."

Owner-driver Mr Peter Hidle, from Wakefield, West Yorkshire, said delays at the ports in the last few months had cost him £7,000.

Lorry drivers were fed up with being used as a "football" between the NUS and P&O.

"We have no argument with Dover Harbour Board, P&O or Sealink, but we have with the NUS for secondary picketing of the Sealink ferries."

Some drivers have been waiting for two days on the M20 and in the docks.

Mr Howard Leighton, 40, from Barking, Essex, said negotiators on the two sides could go home at night, but the drivers could only sit in their cabs.

The Belgian ferry Prince Laurent from Ostend berthed at Dover tonight but the blockaders refused to allow vehicles off — there were 42 cars, 22 lorries and 10 coaches on board. Passengers were able to leave if they wished.

About 200 lorries were tonight inside the docks, according to the Harbour Board.

● Despite yesterday's blockade of Dover, Sealink hope to be able to go ahead on Thursday with the formal inauguration of a new £45millions train ferry service (Rodney Cowton writes).

The ship, the Nord Pas de Calais, will be able to carry complete freight trains, as well as goods vehicles. It will operate on the Dover-Dunkerque route and have a one-hour turnround time.

Sir Robert Reid, chairman of British Rail, said yesterday that it would have 50per cent more capacity than the three vessels it is replacing.

Quaking in California

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become a billion-dollar industry is Miss Shirley Maclaine, a strong proponent of reincarnation and "channelling", the new word for the spiritual medium.

The new mysticism, born of the 1960s, owes much of its success to its happy marriage with the material 1980s and the ethics of the Reagan boom.

Aside from the spiritual factor, New Age magazines, records, computer programs, shops and consulting services are raking in millions. Strong disciples include computer whiz-kids, corporate lawyers and managing directors.

The new psychics do not simply advise on romance and health — they can tell you what stocks to buy and when to get out of the market. On one wing, New Age techniques are being increasingly used for training by some of the country's biggest corporations.

In this context, Mrs Reagan's astrological leanings are not as far-fetched as they might at first appear. In the Reagans' social circles in California, almost everyone gives some credence to the planets.

Mr Reagan's successor as governor, Mr Jerry Brown, was known as "Governor Moonbeam" for his attachment to mystical beliefs.

On some local television stations the weather forecast is followed by the day's horoscope.

Even *The Washington Post* printed a semi-serious report on Sunday pointing out that as an Aquarius, President Reagan was "in fat city" for this month's summit in Moscow: "The zodiacal bottom line here is that Reagan's abilities to think and communicate (governed by Mercury) will rarely be stronger and his personal charisma should be at its peak. Whereas during the same interval, Mikhail Gorbachov, a Pisces, will be facing an astro-bummer of gruesome proportions."

Mrs Quigley, the Reagan psychic, said she had provided the First Family with advice on the timing of political events since the early 1970s.

While the psychic fraternity was ecstatic yesterday over their "By Appointment to the White House" credentials, the country's scientists and traditional religious leaders were depressed.

"This is the last straw for a lot of religious people who treated Reagan as their political saviour," said Mr Cal Thomas, a conservative religious columnist in *Newsweek* magazine. "He used to say, 'The answer to all life's problems can be found in the Bible'. I guess he put God on hold ..."

Commons sketch

Dilly-Dalyelling with Mr Ingham

Mr Bernard Ingham is an odd fellow who sits slumped at the side of the Press Gallery during Prime Minister's Questions, immoderately busy. He is large and craggy and rather loopy-looking, like one of the background soldiers who used to be employed on *Dad's Army*. He takes notes with such diligence that it is as if he were sitting an O level. Afterwards, the press circle around him listens to his every word, like schoolboys touting for Mars bars from a demobbed prep school Latin master.

There is something so comical about his appearance, and so unremarkable about his location, that it is hard to get very worked up about him one way or another. Somehow, the proximity of such a colourful cove — his hair is a peculiar red, like a carrot with anaemia — to the Prime Minister is rather reassuring, just as the presence of a parrot on Mr Long John Silver's shoulder was rather reassuring: with him in tow, passers-by tend to think, nothing too devilish could occur. Or so it would seem.

But others think differently. For Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Ingham is forever up to no good. Most calamities in public life, and quite a few in private life, find themselves attributed to Mr Ingham by Mr Dalyell. Judging by Mr Dalyell's questions in the House of Commons, Mr Ingham is here, there and everywhere. He it was he who weighed down Mr Eddie Edwards's skis, he it was who whispered faulty messages just prior to the charge of the Light Brigade, he it was who was spotted blowing hard and mighty at a secret location on the night of the October hurricane.

Mr Ingham first entered Mr Dalyell's life at around the time of the Westland saga, and ever since then he has been unable to stop thinking of him. In many ways, they are strikingly similar. Ungainly figures both, in another life they might hike around picturesque mountain scenerey together, clad in shorts, rucksacks, Aertex shirts and sensible shoes, swapping train-spotting experiences and offering each other cups of Bovril brewed in the open air.

But fate has set them at odds. Everything that Mr Ingham does, and much that he fails to do, finds its way into Mr Dalyell's black book. At the weekend, Mr Ingham seemed to have a harsh word or two to say about the press, whom he deemed to be inadequate to their task of toeing government lines. After a seething Sunday, Mr Dalyell screeched into the Palace of Westminster the very next day, his complaints at the ready. Luckily, Monday found 10 minutes allotted to questions to the Minister for the Civil Service, so Mr Dalyell could sing his grievances in an appropriate setting.

Mr Dalyell always speaks as if he were a Victorian minister foretelling the very gravest of dooms for the assembled congregation, and when he enunciates the name of Mr Ingham it is as if he were pronouncing the most iniquitous sin of all. "Mister...Ber-nard...Ing-ham," he booms, and a shudder bolts around the quaking multitude. To the mild-mannered Minister for the Civil Service, Mr Richard Luce, he suggested that Mis-ter Bernard Ing-ham ought not to be classified as a Civil Servant. He wished to know, he said, "whether those who talk in the terms he did about the hysteria of the press ought not to be paid out of Conservative Party funds".

The mild-mannered minister suddenly learnt aggression. It was as if St Francis of Assisi had just screamed, "Pull its wings off!" Mr Luce accused Mr Dalyell of always seeking to "dredge up old issues", and he sought to offer a reason why. "He does it because he recognizes the Prime Minister has been such an outstanding success and is of very great integrity and because of that he is trying to undermine the whole position."

Judging by Mr Dalyell's expression — bafflement, exasperation, indignation and outrage all jostling on to his face at the same time — it seemed as if he disagreed with at least some of the main gist of Mr Luce's diagnosis. Unbowed, he began to rub his chin with his right hand, ready to fight another day, sure in his belief that as long as the madman Ingham walked the world, not a living soul could sleep in safety.

Craig Brown

Rocard tipped as new French Prime Minister

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May 21. No particular ceremonies are planned to mark the "passage" of power from Mitterrand I to Mitterrand II.

M Rocard's chances of becoming the new Prime Minister will not have been damaged by a poll yesterday suggesting he is first choice for some 30 per cent of the electorate, well ahead of other possible socialist candidates.

Almost 60 per cent of those questioned wanted M Mitterrand to dissolve the present conservative-held National Assembly. In that event, exactly 50 per cent of the French could be expected to vote for the left, 46 per cent for the right.

The possibility of M Mitterrand going outside the socialist ranks for his Prime Minister has not been ruled out, although one leading figure associated with the conservative centre, the much respected Mme Simone Veil, indicated yesterday that she would not accept any post in the new government.

While she made it clear she did not consider it likely that other prominent members of the "moderate right" — those outside the Chirac camp — would serve under M Mitterrand, she did not rule out "restructuring and regroupment" within the mainstream conservative movement.

M Lionel Jospin, the secretary of the Socialist Party, sounded distinctly unenthusiastic about the prospect, raised yesterday by former President Giscard, of a "constructive opposition" remaining in place in the National Assembly. "After a victory like M Mitterrand has just achieved, it is hard to see how the present opposition can remain in a parliamentary majority."

Meanwhile, the Parisian *bourse* took Sunday's drama in its stride, with share prices largely unchanged. On foreign exchange markets, the Franc was equally steady. According to one financial observer, foreign investors have already concluded that "the French have voted for a president to unite them, not for a man of the left."

● LONDON: World leaders yesterday welcomed the re-election of President Mitterrand and press commentators blamed the political opportunism of M Chirac for his humiliating defeat (Reuter reports).

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, who with President Mitterrand has strengthened close ties between the two countries, said: "The French voters have with this vote given their clear support for your work for the well-being of the French people, for Europe and for peace in the world."

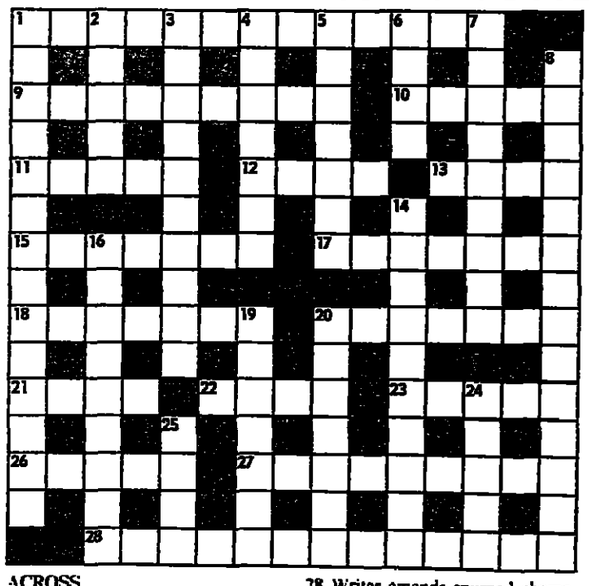
In his statement, addressed "Mr President, my dear François", Herr Kohl said he was sure that he and M Mitterrand would continue to work towards even closer links.

"The close co-operation between our two countries is one of the essential prerequisites for European unity which we together want completed," Herr Kohl said.

Chancellor Vranitzky of Austria said M Mitterrand's victory was a "great day for European social democracy". He said the vote "raises hopes that rightist populism and rightist extremism will receive a clear rejection in other European countries".

In Moscow, Tass and Moscow Radio reported President Mitterrand's victory without comment.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,665



ACROSS
1 19 at sea in boats demonstrate enjoyment (5,4,4).
9 Measure money paid and food provided (2,7).
10 Refuse to give ditch digger money (5).
11 City's water supply (5).
12 Nameless Athenian about to pass over (4).
13 Expecting a giant (4).
15 Main side has love song incorporating Beethoven's First (7).
17 Ingenious way to disguise a gentle (7).
18 German city provided reciprocal art (7).
20 Note sieve used by cook (7).
21 Ramble in, we hear, a city . . . (4).
22 . . . in Czechoslovakia (4).
23 One sand to stick round home (5).
26 Just the same, good man and bad (5).
27 Chap had returned with help (4,1,4).
28 Writer emends spurned characters in play (6,7).

DOWN
1 Robin nested in these trees (8,6).
2 Harrow, where a European turns up (5).
3 Station put second in card vote (5,5).
4 Offensive rumour about merit award (7).
5 Nurse is on the go early in the morning (7).
6 Press gives one man. . . . (4).
7 . . . Peter, on a drug trip, protection (9).
8 Sally has a wind instrument in a black box (6-8).
14 Just hurry — I am at the end of the line (10).
16 Destroy museum, uttering calumnies (9).
19 Exotic character shows speech defect up in time (7).
20 The reason for Scottish policies (7).
24 Plenty see the notices (5).
25 Hit for six — or seven (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

DEUTSCHE SPRACHE
By Philip Howard

JOHANNEUM
a. A play by Goethe
b. A Prussian literary journalist
c. A famous school

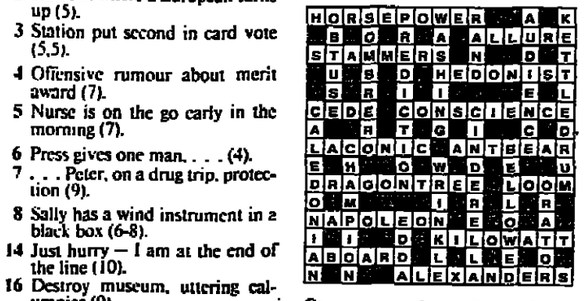
DIE HOREN
a. A magazine
b. A literary brothel
c. A school of novelists

ENGELHARD
a. A literary publisher
b. A Silesian literato
c. A verse romance

SCHIRMBECK
a. A Green journalist
b. A fictional stream
c. A Gothic horror play

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,664



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WEATHER

Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain at times. Some eastern and south-eastern parts of England will also be cloudy with some rain. Other parts of England and Wales will be mostly dry and bright after a cloudy start with some sunny intervals when temperatures will rise. Outlook: becoming unsettled, with rain in many places.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Madrid	20	68	f
Algiers	26	79	s	Malta	28	77	s
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Miami*	27	81	f
Athens	23	73	s	Milan	24	75	s
Bahrain	31	88	s	Montreal*	22	72	s
Barbados*	30	86	s	Moscow	6	43	r
Barcelna	21	70	s	Nairobi	24	75	c
Belgrade	19	66	f	N Delhi	39	102	s
Berlin	21	70	s	Oslo	16	61	f
Bermuda*	24	75	s	Paris	15	59	r
Brussels	20	68	f	Peking	22	72	s
Budapst	19	66	f	Prague	20	68	s
B Aires*	18	64	s	Reykjvik	5	41	c
Cairo	30	86	s	Rio de J	23	73	f
Chicago*	28	82	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
Ch'church	9	48	r	Rome	20	68	f
C'hagn	16	61	s	Salzburg	20	68	f
Dublin	13	55	c	S F'disco*	15	59	c
Florence	23	73	f	Santiago*	16	61	f
Frankfurt	20	68	s	Seoul	17	63	c
Geneva	15	59	c	Sing'por	30	86	t
Gibraltar	23	73	s	St'kholm	15	59	s
Helsinki	11	52	s	Sydney	19	66	f
Hong K	31	88	f	Tangier	20	68	f
Innsbruck	25	77	f	Tel aviv	23	73	s
Istanbul	18	64	s	Tenerife	21	70	c
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	18	64	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	c	Toronto*	20	68	s
Karachi	35	95	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	s
L Palmas	21	70	f	Venice	24	75	s
Le Touqt	14	57	c	Vienna	20	68	s
Lisbon	18	64	f	Warsaw	16	61	s
Locarno	21	70	c	Wash'ton	21	70	s
L Angels*	17	63	s	Wel'ton	11	52	r
Luxmbg	17	63	c	Zurich	19	66	f

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	0.2	.17	12	54	rain
Lowestoft	0.1	.25	14	57	rain
Southend	-	.57	18	66	bright
Margate	0.5	.22	18	64	rain
Eastbourne	3.6	.28	16	61	bright
Brighton	5.6	.09	18	64	rain
Sandown	7.7	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemth	9.4	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	8.1	-	19	66	sunny
Torquay	7.3	-	19	66	bright
Penzance	1.6	.05	14	57	shower
Scilly Isles	1.4	.10	15	59	rain
Jersey	6.5	.02	21	70	sunny
Guernsey	5.1	-	19	66	bright
Ilfracombe	-	.05	-	-	sunny
Minehead	6.5	-	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	-	-	15	59	dull
Douglas	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Carlisle	-	.20	11	52	rain
Nottingham	-	.01	13	55	rain
Anglesey	0.2	.08	12	54	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.3	.01	14	57	dull
Tenby	4.7	.05	16	61	sunny
Aberdeen	0.4	-	10	50	rain
Aviemore	0.4	-	12	54	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	.01	10	50	rain
Kinloss	-	-	11	52	rain
Lerwick	1.2	-	9	48	rain
Stornoway	1.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Tiree	2.9	-	14	57	bright
Wick	0.8	-	9	48	rain

* denotes not available

HIGH TIDES

	AM	HT	PM	HT
TODAY				
London Bridge	9.15	6.1	9.33	5.9
Aberdeen	8.55	3.5	10.05	3.5
Avonmouth	2.14	10.5	2.51	10.5
Belfast	8.23	3.1	7.28	2.8
Cardiff	1.59	9.8	2.36	9.8
Devonport	12.49	4.6	1.45	4.4
Dover	6.47	5.4	7.15	5.5
Falmouth	12.19	4.4	1.15	4.2
Glasgow	7.25	4.2	8.45	4.0
Harwich	7.04	3.3	7.19	3.2
Holyhead	5.52	4.7	6.54	4.5
Hull	1.43	6.0	1.48	6.1
Ilfracombe	1.11	7.4	1.53	7.2
Leith	10.13	4.6	11.09	4.7
Liverpool	6.40	7.9	7.31	7.7
Lowestoft	5.26	2.1	4.48	2.1
Margate	7.34	4.1	7.48	4.1
Milford Haven	1.28	5.6	2.12	5.5
Newquay	12.28	5.7	1.12	5.5
Oban	1.55	3.1	2.36	2.8
Penzance	12.08	4.8	1.02	4.4
Portland	1.37	1.5	2.47	1.4
Portsmouth	6.49	3.7	7.50	4.0
Shoreham	6.38	5.0	7.31	5.3
Southampton	6.25	3.8	7.27	4.0
Swansea	1.35	7.5	2.17	7.3
Tees	11.21	4.4	—	—
Wtton-on-Nze	7.05	3.6	7.24	3.4*

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.535	2.405
Austria Sch	23.00	21.90
Belgium Fr	68.90	65.50
Canada $	2.42	2.30
Denmark Kr	12.60	12.00
Finland Mk	7.84	7.44
France Fr	11.11	10.56
Germany Dm	3.27	3.11
Greece Dr	251	241
Hong Kong $	15.13	14.36
Ireland Pt	1.227	1.167
Italy Lira	2425	2315
Japan Yen	244.50	232.50
Netherlands Gld	3.665	3.495
Norway Kr	12.01	11.41
Portugal Esc	266	253
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.26
Spain Pta	215.75	204.75
Sweden Kr	11.47	10.95
Switzerland Fr	2.725	2.585
USA $	1.96	1.87
Yugoslavia Dnr	3250	2650

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 104.1 (March)

London: The *FT* index closed down 2.1 at 1438.0.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed at .

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LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am,13C (55F) Humidity: 6pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.04 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1021.7 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.09 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.18 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 9.40 pm to 4.36 am
Manchester 9.25 pm to 4.45 am
Penzance 9.25 pm to 5.11 am

Sun rises: 5.16 am — Sun sets: 8.39 pm
Moon rises: 3.13 am — Moon sets: 1.46 pm
New Moon May 15

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am,10C (50F) Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

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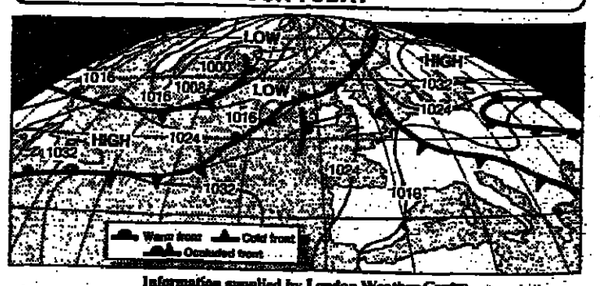
Sunday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 23C (73F); lowest day max: St Abb's Head, Borders, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Northolt, west London, 2.20in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	11	52	c
Birmingham	11	52	c	Inverness	15	59	s
Blackpool	12	54	s	Jersey	12	54	c
Bristol	12	54	c	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'chester	11	52	d
Edinburgh	16	59	f	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	15	59	s	Rhlldwny	12	54	s

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1438.0 (–2.1)	US dollar 1.8805 (+0.0180)
FT-SE 100 1794.9 (–6.2)	W German mark 3.1602 (+0.0293)
USM (Datastream) 155.42 (+1.25)	Trade-weighted 76.5 (+0.6)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

SE listing delay for Shani

Shani Group, the designer and manufacturer of women's clothing, has had its market début unexpectedly delayed by the Stock Exchange due to a technical hitch.

The prospectus was due to have been published today. Capel-Cure Myers, Shani's adviser, now hopes to be able to publish it within the next few days.

The company, which is seeking a full listing, is expected to be valued at between £12 million and £14 million.

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Staley talks

Staley Continental Inc, whose board has rejected a $35-a-share tender offer by Tate & Lyle, yesterday said it is continuing discussions with third parties and has started talks on a possible acquisition of the entire company or one or both of its principal business segments.

Coloroll claim

Mr John Ashcroft's home furnishings group, Coloroll, last night claimed acceptances of 25 per cent in its takeover bid for John Crowther, the textile group.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1999.57 (–7.79)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27284.30 (–223.47)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2584.03 (+12.29)
Amsterdam: Gen	243.6 (–1.6)
Sydney: AO	1410.8 (–11.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1328.5 (–16.7)
Brussels:	
General	4736.1 (–10.3)
Paris: CAC	313.5 (+2.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London:	
FT-A All-Share	927.48 (–1.84)
FT-A "500"	1019.49 (–2.0)
FT Gold Mines	198.5 (–3.2)
FT Fixed Interest	97.20 (–0.05)
FT Govt Secs	89.89 (+0.13)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
JA Dewhirst	354p (+17p)
Schroders	875p (+25p)
Microfilm Repro	440½p (+19p)
Centreway	178p (+18p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	685p (+40p)
A Wood	167p (+15p)
Stanley Leisure	225p (+12p)
Guthrie	295p (+11p)
Hunting Assoc	442½p (+30p)
Mersey Docks	305½p (+23p)
Ayrshire Metal	140p (+20p)
FALLS:	
Honda	757p (–30p)
Cons Gold	965p (–13p)
Cussins	320p (–10p)
Trafalgar House	305p (–10p)
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Bargains	26446

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month interbank 8⅛-8¼%
3-month eligible bills: 7¹⁵/₁₆-7⅞% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.30-6.28%*
30-year bonds 97³²/₃₂-97⁴⁰/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8805	£: $1.8792*
£: DM3.1602	$: DM1.6822*
£: SwFr2.6308	$: SwFr1.4005*
£: FFr10.7207	$: FFr5.7060*
£: Yen234.50	$: Yen124.77*
£: Index:78.5	$: Index:92.8
ECU £0.657041	SDR £0.738970

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $443.80 pm $444.40
close $444.75-445.25 (£236.50-237.00)
New York:
Comex $444.75-445.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $18.60bbl ($18.52)
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Swiss group 'will not abandon' battle for Rowntree

Pressure rises for referral of Nestlé bid

By Cliff Feltham

Nestlé, the Swiss foods conglomerate, has no intention of abandoning its fight for Rowntree, the confectionery group, even if Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, decides to refer the £2 billion bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

As political pressure for a referral intensified yesterday, Herr Helmut Maucher, the managing director of Nestlé, said in London: "We see no reason to give up this quickly."

He confirmed that Nestlé would continue to buy Rowntree shares in the stock market until it had won control. Last night further buying lifted its stake to 11 per cent.

Nestlé expressed its determination to continue the battle as Mr Kenneth Dixon, the Rowntree chairman, wrote to his shareholders urging them to reject the bid. Many City institutions have turned their backs on Rowntree and sold shares, enabling Jacobs Suchard, a rival Swiss chocolate group, to raise its holding to 29.8 per cent.

Suchard is now barred from buying more shares unless it makes a full offer, allowing the price to drop to the level where Nestlé can buy at its bid price of 900.5p. More than 40 per cent of Rowntree is now in foreign hands.

Herr Maucher — who last night met MPs of all parties to try to dispel their fears over the future of the York group if the takeover bid succeeds — said Nestlé had not been surprised by the political backlash over its offer.

"This is the normal sort of reaction you would expect and we have not been put out by it. We think we have a good case for getting together with Rowntree and are quite prepared to support it. We are convinced that if we join forces with them we can sell more Rowntree products and that means more work for its employees. We can assure people that there will not be less jobs."

Herr Maucher said he did not know whether the MMC would investigate the offer but said: "From an outsider's view I cannot see any reason. This is not a political or state issue. It is a private affair. The offer has nothing to do with national interests."

He dismissed suggestions that York could become an outpost of the Swiss company if the deal goes through. "That is not the case at all. Of course, certain strategic decisions will have to be agreed but we think there will be more work with us than without us."

Herr Maucher said Nestlé preferred not to launch hostile bids but had been spurred into action by the "dawn raid" launched by Jacobs Suchard. "Because of that we had to move quickly. The decision not to do anything before because of our principles has cost us a lot of money."

He refused to accept that Nestlé had been outflanked by Suchard, which had almost 30 per cent of the company. "We have 11 per cent so the rest of the shares are still available in the stock market and we believe that the price we are offering is very attractive. We have offered this price to show that we are not playing any games."

But Nestlé was accused by Mr Dixon of offering too little. "Nestlé are offering an inadequate price at which to surrender control of a company with Rowntree's brand-strengths and inherent value."



Resisting pressure: Helmut Maucher at the Savoy yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Stead & Simpson rejects £89m bid

By Alexandra Jackson

Clayform Properties, the property development and retail group, has launched an £89.45 million cash bid for Stead & Simpson, the shoe shop chain.

Stead & Simpson is recommending its shareholders to reject the unsolicited offer.

Mr Frank Chamberlain, the chairman of Stead & Simpson, said the bid would be shown to be particularly inadequate against group results for the year to end-March. These will now be published in a defence document, with a property revaluation. The last property valuation at Stead & Simpson gave a figure of £80 million as at end-March 1987.

Clayform is offering £12 per Stead & Simpson ordinary voting of which there are 1.6 million, and 125p for every 'A' non-voting share, of which there are 56.8 million.

Clayform already owns 29.99 per cent of Stead & Simpson's voting shares, having bought the stake from Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur.

The cash offer, for which there is a loan note alternative, values Stead & Simpson at 25 times after tax earnings for the year to end-March 1987 when it made £5.5 million pretax profit.

Clayform has extensive property interests in Britain and owns and operates Scholfields, a department store chain in Leeds and Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Stead & Simpson ordinary shares rose from 1075p to 1255p yesterday while the 'A' shares rose from 120p to 129p.

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Bullish forecast helps sterling to strong rise

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound rose strongly yesterday, prompting an attempt by the Bank of England to hold it down. But it held firm to close above the level that brought about the previous reduction in base rates.

The pound rose strongly against all currencies, with the main influence a bullish report on sterling's prospects from the securities house Goldman Sachs.

Dealers said the report gave the markets an opportunity to push sterling higher, and there was at least one very substantial commercial buying order for pounds.

The pound closed three pfennigs up at DM3.1606, two pfennigs above the level when base rates were cut from 8.5 to 8 per cent on April 8.

Dealers said part of the pound's strength derived from the fact that the Bank of England was seen to be extremely reluctant to concede a further cut in base rates in response to the pound's strength, because of worries about domestic credit growth.

The pound rose by 1.4 cents to $1.8805 and the sterling index gained 0.6 of a point to 78.5.

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The Goldman Sachs report, *Sterling Policy and Sterling's Prospects*, took issue with the Chancellor's view that the pound's rise against the mark was unsustainable.

It concluded that a renewed push into the DM3.15-3.20 range was likely, and that on the basis of relative inflation rates a sterling-mark level of DM3.27 would not be inappropriate.

Mr David Morrison, the London-based chief international economist at Goldman Sachs, confessed himself to be somewhat surprised at the extent of the market reaction to his report, which did not contain a new forecast.

His forecast of a rise in sterling's value towards DM3.20 and $2 was published some time ago, with the latest report providing detailed technical back-up, in the form of a challenge to the Chancellor's view.

Mr Morrison cited other factors as contributing to the pound's rise, notably the poor showing of Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democrat party in West German state elections.

Kleinwort US deal with Fuji

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale, the merchant banking group, is to sell 24.9 per cent of its US primary dealership in government bonds to Fuji Bank, the world's third largest bank.

The agreement, which will include a capital injection into the business by Fuji, is the latest in a series of partnership arrangements by Japanese institutions in the US markets.

The deal, which has been under negotiation since the end of last year, is likely to be completed in the next two weeks. Fuji will then seek permission from the Federal Reserve Bank to become a participant in the government bond market.

Kleinwort Benson Government Securities, the Chicago dealership bought by KBL in 1984, has equity and debt capital of $48 million (£25.54 million). KBL expects to sell 24.9 per cent of the existing capital to Fuji and then increase the primary dealer's capital to about $65 million. KBGS is a middle sized player with about 1.4 per cent of government bond market turnover — well above the 0.75 per cent required to become a primary dealer.

Mr Jonathan Agnew, head of Kleinwort's securities operations, said: "This brings in a very powerful partner. We have long standing links with Fuji, which will contribute extra capital and will bring more Japanese business in US Treasury bonds to KBGS." He added that the move did not include any reciprocal arrangements in Japan.

The partnership deal gives Fuji an immediate entry into the massive US government bond market. Japanese investors have become a significant factor in the US market.

Stanhope Properties seeks injection of new capital

By John Bell and Alison Eadie

Stanhope Properties, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market last year, has revealed that it is in talks over a substantial injection of new capital by a "major investor". Talks are continuing on the basis of 250p per share.

Stanhope was formed by Mr Stuart Lipton, one of the leading figures in the London property world, in 1983. It is involved in a number of large scale London developments, most notably the massive Broadgate project at Liverpool Street Station. Its partner in the 3.3 million sq ft development is another highly thought of concern, Rosehaugh, run by Mr Godfrey Bradman.

No clues were given as to the identity of the potential partner. Analysts pointed out that while Stanhope has a great deal of future value to be unlocked as its development programme proceeds, its will need cash before too long to fund new work. Names mentioned as possible stakebuyers in Stanhope included the Japanese concern, Kajima Corporation, with which Stanhope already has links.

There were suggestions last week that the two companies were considering making an offer for the Stockley Park development, near Heathrow. Interests connected with Mr Elliot Bernerd, and Rosehaugh itself have also been mentioned.

Meanwhile, the London Docklands Development Corporation has given a conditional go-ahead to a £500 million joint venture between Roschaugh and Stanhope Properties for the first phase of the redevelopment of the Royal Albert Dock and Basin, in London's East End.

The plan to develop 128 acres to the north and east of the dock includes a shopping and leisure centre, a marina, a business park and a residential area. The LDDC approval, which is conditional upon final financial and other details, comes after two years of negotiation.

BAA takes up options

BAA has exercised its options over shares in Lynton Property & Revisionary, the property group, and now owns a stake of 19.8 per cent.

The move is seen in the City as a prelude to a full takeover, but BAA refused to confirm or deny this. BAA paid 20p per share for its options at an exercise price of 380p.

Inflation edges upwards

Inflation is edging higher, price figures out yesterday suggest. The pound's rise has had a limited effect on the price of imported raw materials (David Smith writes).

April producer price figures showed a 0.6 per cent increase in output prices for manufactured products over the month, and a rise of 4.2 per cent on a year earlier.

Officials said about a quarter of the monthly rise was due to excise duty changes in the Budget.

Raw material and fuel costs also rose by 0.6 per cent last month, after a 2.1 per cent fall in March. The 12-month rise moved up to 2.8 per cent from 2.3 per cent.

Consumer credit hits record level

By Our Economics Correspondent

Record amounts of consumer credit were advanced in March alongside booming retail sales.

The official figures will add to the concern over the rapid pace of credit expansion in the economy, expected to be given some prominence by the Bank of England, in its *Quarterly Bulletin* on Thursday.

On both the consumer credit measures favoured by the Department of Trade and Industry, the credit picture was very buoyant in March.

Credit advanced by finance houses, other specialist lenders and on bank credit cards totalled £3.43 billion, above the high February level of £3.38 billion and well above previous monthly levels.

Amounts outstanding on credit, after allowing for people paying off credit card borrowing, for example, rose by £423 million to £23.98 billion, its biggest increase since this measure was first monitored two years ago.

Final March retail sales figures showed that the fall initially announced for the month had been revised to a small rise. Retail sales volume rose by 0.2 per cent to 135.5 (1980=100) in March, 7.5 per cent up on a year earlier. The weekly value of sales was £1.97 billion, up from £1.89 billion in February.

Election victory welcomed in French markets

Seven-year switch for Mitterrand

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

What a difference seven years makes. When Francois Mitterrand was first elected the president of France in 1981, shares plunged 20 per cent and the Paris bourse had to be closed for two days. Yesterday "Ton-Ton" — "Grandfather" — Mitterrand's re-election at the weekend was better received. The bourse rose strongly, and the franc also, against worries that its post-election weakness would force an early realignment within the European monetary system.

The spot indicator of prices on the Paris Bourse, *L'Indicateur de Tendance*, rose by almost 2.4 per cent during strong trading yesterday morning, before subsiding to show a net 1 per cent gain.

The franc was fixed in Paris at 339.46 per DM100, against Ffr340 on Friday, its highest level against the mark since before the first round of polling, on April 24.

Dealers and analysts said that while President Mitterrand's victory was widely expected, the markets had reacted positively because of signs that the new administration will start a period of co-operation around the political centre.

Although there are both short and long-term uncertainties, notably M Mitterrand's choice of prime minister and the timing of elections to the National Assembly, the reaction of the markets has been in sharp contrast to 1981, when he was first elected president.

Then, widespread selling of French shares by foreign investors sent share prices down by 20 per cent and led to the closure of the Paris bourse for two days. The Government was forced to impose exchange controls to stem the flood of capital flowing out of France. And the election triggered the first of many franc devaluations within the EMS.

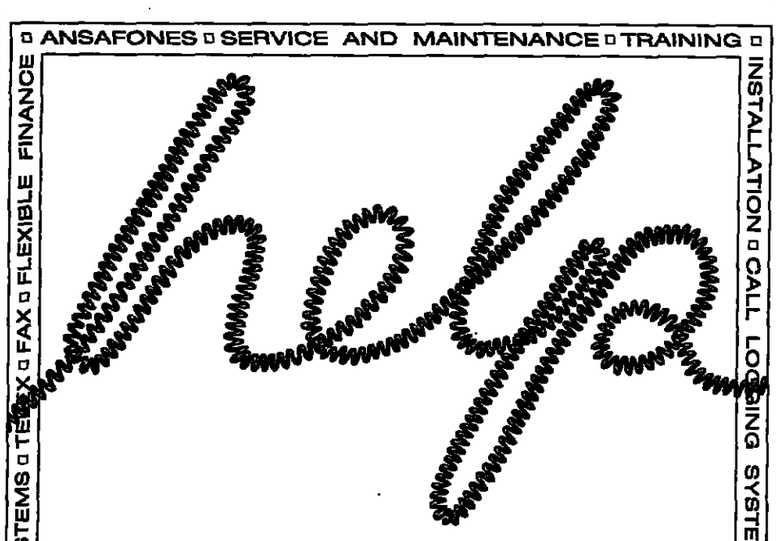
This time, no such reaction was thought likely, partly because the 1988 version of President Mitterrand is considered very different from that of 1981. The margin of M Mitterrand's victory, with 54.05 per cent of the votes against 45.95 per cent for his rival M Jacques Chirac, indicates that he obtained support from all parts of the political spectrum, analysts said.

M Pierre Beregovoy, the French finance minister during 1984-86, and M Mitterrand's campaign manager during the election, has ruled out an early EMS realignment. M Beregovoy is likely to be named as finance minister this week.

No large changes in economic policy are anticipated. Even privatization, thought to have been forced upon President Mitterrand by his right wing prime minister M Chirac, will continue. Companies such as Rhône-Poulenc, the chemicals and pharmaceuticals combine and Credit Lyonnais, the bank, will push for early privatization.

Analysts said the French stock market is likely to enter a quieter phase as dealers wait to see how the new government shapes up. "It had all been well discounted but the resurgence in interest seems to be because people regard a government with both left and right wing politicians as being quite positive," said Mr David Harrington, of SBCI-Savory Milln, the broker.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French raider likely to touch CAP limit

Cap Gemini Sogeti, the unwanted French corporate raider troubling CAP Group, the British software company, is likely to have gathered a 29.9 per cent stake, the maximum permissible without a full bid, before the end of this week. Its holding has been lifted to 29.61 per cent, from 28.3 per cent previously revealed, by the purchase of another 400,000 shares in the market. CGS is thought to have a standing order in the stock market through Warburg Securities, the stockbroker, to buy at about £3 a share. Last night CAP was down 3p at 297p.

The French have pledged not to make a full bid. Meanwhile, Volmac, the Dutch computer house, has raised its own friendly holding in CAP to 11.09 per cent, in an effort not to see its stake diluted when the British group merges with Sema-Metra of France.

IMI increases US coverage

IMI, the engineer once known as Imperial Metal Industries, has US coast-to-coast coverage with the purchase of Doran Brothers, a Connecticut food and drink packager, for an undisclosed sum. Doran has an annual turnover of about £1.6 million. IMI's Cannon Equipment Company, operates in the Midwest and its Bonas Bilt on the West Coast.

Rea Brothers buyout plan

Rea Brothers, the merchant banking group, is selling its insurance subsidiary Rea Brothers (Insurance) to the joint managing directors of RB(I) for £725,000 cash. The sale is conditional on shareholder approval. RB(I) made profits after tax of £56,412 in the year to the end of December and had net assets at the year-end of £273,420.

Hall agrees £2m deal

Hall Engineering, the steel stockholder and wire mesh manufacturer, has agreed to buy Crylic Designs and Pricemakers, two related companies based in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, for a maximum of £2 million. Crylic supplies acrylic and plastic display materials, while Pricemakers sells a range of flexible pricing systems produced for it by Crylic.

The two companies share the same ownership and made profits of £64,000 in the year to end-October 1987, before non-recurring exceptional items and tax. Hall is paying £267,000 in cash immediately, with further payments over the next two years depending on the companies raising profits.

AG Stanley hits back

AG Stanley, the Fads to Home Charm chain, launched a sharp attack last night on the retailing ability of Ward White which has launched a hostile £103 million takeover bid for the company. "Ward White's plans for AG Stanley betray their ignorance of the high street decorative products market and make no commercial sense.

Ward White's latest comments serve only to expose their inexperience in this area," says AG Stanley. The response follows a letter from Mr Philip Birch, Ward White chairman, to AG Stanley shareholders criticising its recent performance.

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Stead banks on shareholder loyalty

It was only a matter of time before someone used the much-hawked stake in Stead & Simpson to launch a full bid, despite the daunting presence of a directors' and family holding, accounting for nearly 70 per cent of the voting shares.

Clayform is no doubt hoping to sway the balance by flushing out the company's more distant friends and relations by offering a generous price for the influential voting shares, of which it already owns 29.9 per cent.

So far the Stead & Simpson directors have rebuffed Clayform's approach and are busy mustering their defences.

This will prove hard work as Stead & Simpson's record is unimpressive. Pretax profits since 1985 have edged up from £5.2 million to £5.5 million on sales 19 per cent higher at £70 million.

Competitive pressures in the group's 260 shoe shops last year were blamed for the dull performance. They generated 78 per cent of profits.

The Leicester motor dealerships have been showing steady growth, however, and contributed £1.2 million to group profits last year.

Clayform plans to redevelop a number of Stead & Simpson stores, together with adjacent properties, to form larger retailing developments. Otherwise, it believes there is scope to improve considerably the return on the core retailing business and upgrade the product range.

Clayform's gearing ratio soars to 150 per cent of shareholders' funds if the deal goes through. Strong cash flow will help reduce this to 100 per cent, with which Clayform is happy.

Its last stated asset value was 250p, but is probably 40 per cent higher by now. The shares, at 293p, are therefore selling at a premium to stated, but discount to estimated, asset values.

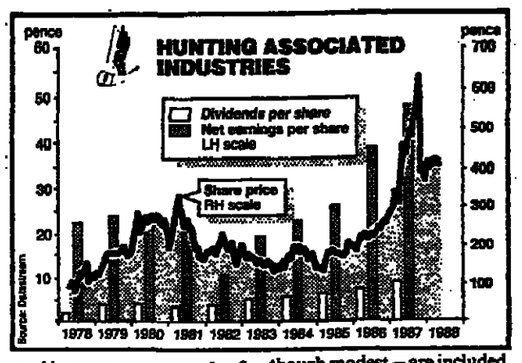
Clayform has considerable expertise in retailing as its chairman, Mr David Hyman, started life as a retailer. Schofields, the department store chain, has already been turned around.

Stead & Simpson's asset value was £80 million in March 1987 but Clayform has done its own sums and clearly thinks it is worth more.

Franchised shareholders may be happy to abandon a yield of under 0.5 per cent at the offer price, unless they are inextricably bound by ties of past loyalties to Stead & Simpson.

Hunting Industries

Hunting Associated Industries, now well over its 1984 profit setback, is beginning to turn in the kind of consistent profits growth that good investments are made of. While turnover only inched forward in 1987 by 2 per cent, pretax profit was up by 53 per cent, from £11.8 million to £18.1 million.



The dividend increase at 14.8 per cent is less dramatic, and the payment is covered a healthy 6.2 times (compared with 5.4 times a year ago). A steady dividend progression counts for a lot, and in time the gap between earnings and dividends may narrow.

The key to the improved profitability lies in the movement from planning to production by defence activities; in another good performance by aviation support activities; and, after a general sorting-out process, in the transformation from losses to profits by resource surveys.

There was also the acquisition of Metair in 1987, whose nine-month profits — though modest — are included.

The fine-tuning of Hunting's various activities in the resource surveys division helped turn the previous year's £1.79 million loss into a £561,000 profit, although the boat-building activities (which fall under the heading of composites) saw this sector move from a £273,000 profit into a £875,000 loss.

The £19.2 million deal to buy Lynwood, the Hampshire-based computer group with strong government connections, establishes a foothold in the electronics field.

Hunting looks poised to tread further along the takeover trail this year, with electronics as the preferred route.

Meanwhile, the base has been established for further profit growth and the group should have little difficulty in seeing pretax profits up to the £22.5 million level.

There will be a full year's contribution from Metair, while under its purchase agreement Lynwood is targeted to produce at least £1.85 million this year, £2.65 million in 1989 and £5.4 million in the 1990 financial year.

At 443p on a prospective rating of 8, Hunting shares are well worth picking up on a dull day.

Shani Group

Textile companies are often regarded as low-quality, high-risk investments. Fashion is fickle, and every manufacturer dreads the rails of unsold, end-of-season clothes in the wrong colour or the wrong length, victims of consumer taste or of our unpredictable British climate.

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The majority of the designs are mainstays of the wardrobe, rather than high fashion items, further reducing risk. Manufacturing costs are kept down by computerized, mechanized production methods, while about one third of the garments are manufactured by sub-contractors, offering a buffer against a downturn in orders.

The net result is a business whose turnover has nearly doubled in the last five years to £11.9 million last year. Pretax profits have risen nearly tenfold to £1.4 million, and are expected to reach £1.8 million to £2 million in the financial year to July 31.

Its heavy dependence on C&A, which accounts for 54 per cent of its sales, gives a slightly downmarket image, despite Shani's concentration on the better quality end of C&A's business.

A further caution is that the group has ambitions to expand by acquisition, where it will need to build experience.

However, given the company's strong relationships with its customers, the prospective sector average multiple of 10, on the expected market capitalization of £12 million to £14 million, looks fair.

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GrandMet in $32m US superstore buy

By Colin Campbell

Grand Metropolitan, in its second large American deal in six weeks, is to pay $32 million (£17 million) cash for the Houston chain of 38 optical superstores operating as Eye+Tech.

GrandMet's Dallas subsidiary, Pearle Health Services, which recently agreed to buy the Kentucky Vision Express chain, operator of 27 superstores in the MidWest, has agreed to buy certain assets of Eye-Optics Inc. In the year ended December, Eye-Optics reported an operating loss of $6 million on annual sales of $32 million.

Mr Allen Sheppard, GrandMet's chairman and chief executive, said Pearle had been turned around in the past 18 months into a profitable retail operation with exciting growth prospects. The latest deal and the earlier Vision Express acquisition would make an immediate contribution to earnings, he said.

Both American acquisitions are subject to regulatory approvals, but the formalities are expected to be completed by the end of next month.

Nursery profits blooming

By Our City Staff

Cramphorn, the USM-quoted garden centre and nursery, raised interim pretax profits by more than 25 per cent from £84,542 to £106,031 on sales up marginally from £6.8 million to £6.9 million.

Earnings per share were up from 1.88p to 2.35p, after tax of £38,000 (£30,000). The interim dividend is held at 1.25p.

Nursery stock losses were prevented and garden centre sales assisted by the mild winter weather.

Despite the wet weather during the autumn, sales over Christmas were particularly satisfactory.

Mr AJ Dye, who along with family interests owns nearly 8 per cent of Cramphorn's equity, has joined the board. Shares of Cramphorn greeted news of the profits increase and Mr Dye's appointment with a jump of 25p to 330p.

GM and Toyota link up

Melbourne (Reuter) — General Motors and Toyota, the world's largest carmakers and fierce competitors, yesterday signed agreements to join forces in Australia.

Australian divisions of the Japanese and US companies will share several models to be sold under their brands.

GM and Toyota have formed United Australian Automotive Industries to co-ordinate design, engineering and model sharing, using Toyota and GM facilities from mid-1989, but marketing the vehicles independently, the companies said.

The joint venture aims to produce up to 170,000 vehicles a year, about 40 per cent of the Australian market.

General Motors spent more than US$490 million at 1987 values last year bailing out its Australian unit, Holden's Motor Company, after heavy losses.

Fairbriar buys developer

Fairbriar, the Surrey housebuilder and property developer, has paid £559,151 for Knightsquare, a Christchurch, Hampshire, developer.

The purchase is being funded by the issue of 100,000 new ordinary shares in Fairbriar at 400p each and £159,151 in cash. Knightsquare lost £19,605 before tax in the year to end-December 1986, when it had a net deficit of assets of £21,818.

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Berisfd SW	n/a	Glaxo	770	P&O	2,353	Tate & Lyle	443
BICC	475	Globe Inv	98	Pearl	278	TSB	952
Blue Arrow	1,058	Glynwed	n/a	Pearson	1,323	Tesco	851
Blue Circle	1,321	Granada	184	Pilkington	1,242	Thorn EMI	521
BOC	2,053	Grand Met	937	Plessey	946	Trafalgar	228
Boots	1,205	GUS 'A'	389	Prudential	706	THF	3,839
BPB	434	GRE	35	Racal	4,259	Ultramar	1,757
Br Aero	385	GKN	2,611	Rk Hovis	699	Unigate	516
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Where British Industry & Investment is flourishing

ECC boosts US production with $74.25m purchase

By Alexandra Jackson

English China Clays, the minerals and construction group, has trebled the capacity of its US calcium carbonates business with the acquisition of plants and reserves in Alabama, Georgia, Vermont and California from Cyprus Minerals Company, a listed US group.

The purchase price of $74.25 million (£39.7 million) is being met by the issue of a £40 million convertible Eurobond, due 2003. The bonds will be in denominations of £1,000 and £10,000 with a rate of between 6.5 and 7 per cent.

Calcium carbonate is used as an industrial filler and extender in the paints, plastics and paper industries. English China Clays is a world leader in the production of kaolin, used primarily in paper making, and has growing calcium carbonate interests in Europe and America.

With the benefit of this acquisition, ECC will become the fourth largest producer of calcium carbonate in the United States after Pfizer, Georgia Marble and Omya. These four enjoy a share of more than 50 per cent of the 5.5 million tonne market. Production stands a 3.5 million tonnes.

Only a fifth of ECC's US calcium carbonate output is sold to the paper industry, but the group hopes to use its processing expertise to increase this proportion. Other large customers are the paint, rubber and plastics industries.

The businesses being acquired had sales of $26.8 million in the year to end-December 1987. Before allocating central overheads, profits were $6.2 million.

The Cyprus processing plant in Sylacauga, Alabama, is adjacent to one of ECC's existing operations. Mr Robert Carlton-Porter, the group finance director, explained there were considerable cost savings and synergies to be achieved by integrating and rationalizing the operations.

The estimated fair value of the assets being acquired, taking into account the enhancement effect for the group's existing mineral reserves, is $70 million.

Group borrowings, including the convertible, are expected to rise from 12 per cent to 33 per cent of shareholders' funds. This rise includes the purchase of the US aggregates business, Shiely, in January and several smaller buys.

Nearly 80 per cent of ECC's profits are earned in Britain, with most of the balance coming from America. Group profits before tax in 1986-87 were £112.1 million, up from £90.4 million the previous year.

Results for the half year to end-March are expected on Thursday. ECC's chairman, Sir Alan Dalton, said order books were healthy, cash flow was strong and, barring unforeseen circumstances, the group was on course for another excellent year. ECC's shares fell 4p to 448p yesterday.

'Crucial test' on tender policies

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Cockfield, the vice-president of the European Economic Community Commission, yesterday gave a warning to the Government not to block moves to open up public purchasing to EEC competition.

The former Tory trade minister told a London conference on procurement policy that letting foreign firms compete fairly for official business would be a "crucial test" of EEC governments' determination to make the single European market a reality.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, recently signalled that Britain expects open public purchasing in the EEC only to be achieved with difficulty and does not see it all in place in 1992.

Lord Cockfield said while public purchasing was worth about 15 per cent of the EEC's gross domestic product, it accounted for only 1 per cent of cross-border trade.

He underlined that the Commission is seeking to stress "commercial judgement" and protect the purchaser from national and political pressures

Lord Cockfield said the law on publicizing tenders had to be extended to transport, energy, water and other currently excluded areas.

Brussels also wants the rules to cover private companies where they control a unique network, such as telephones, and a system for firms to obtain redress in national courts.

Mr Brian Hopson of the Department of Trade and Industry, said Britain had doubts about subjecting privatized industries to EEC rules on purchasing, and the EEC's right to use the national courts to ensure compliance.

Proposals for suspending contracts pending investigation into possible breaches of the rules is also seen as a considerable difficulty, as is punitive court awards for aggrieved companies.

● Later yesterday, Lord Cockfield predicted that Britain may be heading for an EEC showdown over company law and workers' rights. He said the Commission would shortly publish a formal document for the foundation of a community-wide agreement.

He noted that while Denmark and Germany saw workers' rights as integral to any concept of "company," others, like Britain, regarded such rights as separate from company law.

COMMENT

GUS needs to discover a new crown prince

So far, the City's thoughts on the Harris Queensway affair are twofold. First, there is frank disbelief that, at a time of booming consumer spending, a substantial public company with access to the best advice money can buy could contrive to produce such a disaster.

Secondly, there has been a tacit assumption, not to say a strong feeling, that one thing stands firmly between Sir Philip Harris and a hostile takeover bid — the support of its 23 per cent shareholder, the Great Universal Stores group.

Of the former observation there is little more to be said, except that the harder one looks for unavoidable external forces pushing the group into a trading disaster, the less one finds. Indeed it becomes clearer that there is nothing much to be found. Results from other retailers may be less buoyant at present than last year, but the sector is still in rude health.

More interesting by far is the role of GUS. Less than two years ago, the mail order giant was not quite promoting suggestions that Sir Philip had become the crown prince to its founding father, Sir Isaac Wolfson. But it was not exactly hounding those who dared whisper the thought either. Sir Philip's entrepreneurial flair was praised by Sir Isaac's closest colleagues as a quality that had somehow become in short supply at the high street operations of the GUS juggernaut. But now, after a lengthy spell of miserable profitability, poor share price performance, and the inevitable loss of confidence in the City, such perceptions are dramatically changed.

Frankly, GUS would face a huge credibility problem, at least among its leading institutional shareholders and probably a wider audience besides, if it still fostered the impression that Sir Philip was being considered as a candidate for a closer long-term partnership, or worse, as a potential director of the management's strategy.

Over the years the house that Sir Isaac built has won its reputation the hard way — by grinding out consistent growth year after year despite a background of rapid changes of taste by its customers and strategy by its competitors. It would be reasonable to assume in the traditional absence of comment from GUS that the honeymoon was over.

The 23 per cent share stake in Harris Queensway should no longer be seen as a permanent fixture in the GUS balance sheet. Neither GUS nor Sir Philip was specific at the time the shares changed hands in exchange for control of 525 GUS outlets. Later, GUS spelled out the details in its accounts. The book value of the assets swapped for Harris Queensway shares equated to 83p per share, even though the market price on the day the transaction was struck was 268p.

On that basis, GUS is still sitting on a handsome profit with Harris Queensway standing at only 160p. The temptation to secure those profits by selling to a bidder might soon become irresistible.

Sterling dilemma returns

The dilemma facing the Government's interest rate and exchange rate policy has again been posed starkly. A report by David Morrison of Goldman Sachs saying that the pound could rise further against the mark without damaging industry sent sterling shooting up to close nearly 3 pfennigs higher than before the weekend at DM3.1606. Money markets responded by clipping 1/16 per cent off interest rates and abandoning talk of an imminent rise in base rates.

As this was happening the Department of Trade and Industry released its latest monthly estimates of consumer credit showing the biggest growth in the amount of credit outstanding since the series began. Revised figures for the volume of retail sales in March reversed the preliminary estimate of a drop on the February level turning it into a small rise. And for good measure manufacturers' input prices, despite the strength of sterling, showed the steepest rise for eight months in April while output prices accelerated slightly to a year-on-year inflation rate of 4.2 per cent.

These are hardly the conditions which one would choose for a cut in interest rates. On the contrary there are strong arguments for a rise in order to deter the rapid growth in bank lending and forestall the risk of renewed inflation. But while the pound is as popular as at present the Chancellor's policy of exchange rate stability dictates otherwise.

The dilemma is one which will presumably resolve itself eventually. Inflation in Britain is still running at about 4 per cent with little sign of further progress in bringing it down. In West Germany it is below 1 per cent. Over a period, as the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, has remarked, a link with mark should prove a good counter-inflationary discipline, and even Mr Morrison expects a decline in the pound back towards DM3 over the medium-term as West Germany moves to tighten its monetary policy and Britain's balance of payments deteriorates. This part of his analysis seemed to have been ignored yesterday.

In the meantime, however, there seems likely to be a good deal of volatility in foreign exchange markets as the authorities juggle with the best combination of counter-inflationary firmness in either interest rates or the exchange rate. Running a counter-inflation policy based on the exchange rate seems to need just as much ability to fly by the seat of the pants as running one based on growth in the money supply.



Attracting profits: Russell Smith at the London Dungeon (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Kunick leaps 34% to £1.88m

By Martin Waller

Kunick, the leisure group whose interests range from old-age homes to the London Dungeon, saw pretax profits rise 34 per cent to £1.88 million in the six months to end-March. During this period it had its USM debut.

Mr Russell Smith, the chairman, said the group had been restructured since his arrival as chief executive early last year, with about 80 per cent of profits coming from the private interests he had reversed into it.

The cash-producing tourism and amusement machine businesses are being used to fund heavy investment in the more capital-intensive Goldsborough division, which is involved in care services for the elderly.

This should account for 50 per cent of group profits within the next two years, Mr Smith said. It had already bought three nursing homes since it was acquired by Kunick last June. Since then the profit rate from the division had trebled.

The group's visitor attractions comprise the London and York Dungeons. Plans to open a third in Paris have been shelved temporarily, said Mr Smith. Improved marketing and security and management changes had boosted turnover by 25 per cent over the previous year, when the London site was hit by extensive building work in the area as well as by possible fraud, still the subject of police investigation.

Next month London Dungeon visitors will be able to relive the Plague and Great Fire, while York will be celebrating the exploits of one of its most illustrious sons, Guy Fawkes.

The amusement machines side was boosted by the success of its new Music Master compact disc jukebox, which showed a 360 per cent profit improvement on existing models.

"We've taken what was a very marginal sort of product and turned it into a very profitable one, with a high rate of return," Mr Smith added.

In France, the amusement machine division captured some 30 per cent of the market.

A rough operating profits breakdown for the half year shows about 11 per cent coming from the two Dungeons and 17 per cent from care for the elderly. British amusement machines contributed about half, with the balance from the French operation.

An interim dividend of 0.4p is to be paid, up from 0.35p last time.

First market for rare earth metals

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

The Industrial Metals Exchange yesterday opened the first market in the so-called rare earth metals, the compounds at the centre of the superconductor revolution now under way in laboratories worldwide.

Superconductor materials based on rare earths, such as yttrium and lanthanum, are likely to create a host of new electronic equipment, including very small high-speed computers, through their abilities to lose all electrical resistance when chilled with liquid nitrogen.

The creation of a market in the rare earths will enable investors and companies wanting to exploit the potential of superconductivity to obtain the best buying and selling prices for the metals.

"Through the Industrial Metals Exchange we are able to offer researchers, dealers and investors the first open market in the materials on which the superconductivity revolution will depend", said Mr Sean Adam, finance director of the Industrial Metals Group, which operates the exchange.

The rare earths portfolio will be available through the Reuters Alert system to dealers and investors on the 250,000 electronic terminals that make up the worldwide exchange.

Mr Adam said yesterday that demand for the rare earths has soared since the discovery that they could produce superconductivity at relatively high temperatures. "In the past year demand for the research metals has gone up tenfold or more," he said.

He said that it was now clear that demand would soon considerably outstrip supply. Although there are substantial untapped reserves of rare earths, new mines are coming on stream very slowly, said Mr Adam, and the situation was likely to remain the same for the next three to five years.

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County's spring floodgates

The eight or so individuals expected to follow legendary USM market-maker Brian Winterflood from County NatWest to his new venture, Winterflood Securities is, I hear, a gross under-estimate. As of yesterday no fewer than 15 County employees had, I can reveal, handed in their notice, including all the key USM market-makers and Winterflood's erstwhile secretary, Mrs Una Port. Others — from a variety of firms — have been pestering Winterflood for jobs. "Some of them have been quite important names," he says. County paid £18 million for his previous firm, Bisgood Bishop, and there is now thought to be only one original director left. His new £5 million outfit will trade from Knollys House, Mark Lane, and will, initially, have a staff of 30. In spite of plans to begin business in August, Winterflood told me that if British Telecom, the Stock Exchange and Topic can get everything in order, the launch date will be brought forward. Also behind the establishment of the business is David Codd, Bisgood's former finance director. "David and I will have 15 per cent — Union Discount has the rest — but we will be giving some of that out to key employees," Winterflood says. "We want them to feel that they are working for themselves and we will be offering clients a personal service — which, amongst other things, means not pulling the plug on them in the event of another crash."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Under the bonnet

John Chiene, chief executive of County NatWest WoodMac Securities and honest Scot, who was spotted last week in King's Road, Chelsea, with two policemen peering under the bonnet of his flashy BMW car, helping them with their inquiries — apparently intended to trace a number of cars stolen from that upmarket vicinity — has issued a reply. "Surely," he writes indignantly, "the moral of the story is that no Englishman, not even a policeman, should look under a Scotsman's bonnet, for fear *he* suffers a breakdown. Kind regards, honest John".

Be prepared

The fire which destroyed four floors of the 62-storey First Interstate Bank building, in Los Angeles last week, took place on the eve of a presentation ceremony at which the local Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness had planned to present the bank with an award. The award ceremony, intended to highlight the bank's new disaster response plan — designed to deal with earthquakes and fires — went ahead on schedule but, perhaps not surprisingly, no one from the bank turned up to receive it.



"I wouldn't like to be in *their* shoes . . ."

Whisky Mac

After 17 years as a brewing sector analyst, Victor MacColl, the human dynamo at the heart of Kleinwort Grieveson's research division, still has a thing or two to learn. Complaining to his colleague John Spicer yesterday that the optic featured on the front of their latest monthly drinks review was empty, Spicer corrected him saying, "Don't be silly, it's a green bottle — it's full of gin." But MacColl's ignorance can, I'm sure, be explained by the fact that, like all good Scots, he prefers whisky.

● **Question: How do you make a small fortune on the stock market? Answer: Start off with a large one.**

Currency casualty

Ever witty, Alastair Ross Goobey, international investment strategist at the stockbroker James Capel — and son of legendary Imperial Tobacco fund manager George Ross Goobey, now retired — relays a heart-rending tale about the effect of short-term currency fluctuations in his latest circular to clients. While such fluctuations can cause difficulties for investors, these are nothing, he says, compared with the problems suffered by one of his colleagues. "His inamorata is a French lady, who was to celebrate her fortieth birthday at a party in Paris," Ross Goobey writes. "Unfortunately my friend was unable to attend, but arranged with Interflora to send 40 red roses with the message 'One for each of your wonderful years.' Unfortunately, the pound had a sudden run-up, and the French florist found it possible to deliver 45 roses for the same sterling cost . . . End of beautiful friendship."

Countermove

Marks and Spencer has, I hear, put a stop to an unintentional service it was offering in the financial arena. Cunning customers caught short of readies were buying M&S clothes on their charge cards, then going to the refund counter for reimbursement in cash, claiming the clothes did not fit. But after the clampdown, receipts will now show which bills have been charged to cards, with account credits then replacing the cash handouts.

Carol Leonard

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Caradon in £2.4m Meynell purchases

By Martin Waller

Caradon, the building products company which was the subject of a management buy-out from Reed International in 1985, has bought two companies making shower valves for about £2.4 million.

The acquisitions are Meynell Valves and Meynell Showers, for £1 million in new Caradon shares and the balance in cash.

Caradon is believed to be in the last stages of finalizing a much bigger deal, the purchase of Everest, Britain's leading double glazing company, from RTZ Corporation, the mining group.

Neither side has confirmed market speculation, but the deal should be announced in the next few days, possibly in time for Caradon's full-year figures on Thursday.

The Meynell acquisitions will add to Caradon's existing Mira showers operation.

In addition it owns the Twyfords bathroom operation and companies making piping, gutters and plastic extrusions.

Its stock market début was by a public offer for sale in July last year.

Another part of the privately-owned Meynell group of companies, a steam valve and water hose gun business, was sold off before the Caradon deal.

The acquired businesses had sales of £3.8 million in the year to end-December and profits of £200,000. The main manufacturing facility is in Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

Off-job education for British engineering designers is inadequate, says report

Training gap 'threatens industry'

Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

British engineering designers are far less well trained than those abroad, leaving an "alarming" gap on unfulfilled needs and posing a threat to the competitiveness of manufacturing industry.

This is the conclusion reached in a report commissioned by the Design Council from Coopers & Lybrand, the consultant, due to be published today.

It is estimated that the average engineering designer needs about 13 days of off-job training a year but receives fewer than five days in Britain.

Design engineers at some foreign companies spend a tenth of their first five years in training and still receive some training after 10 years in employment.

Initial training for engineering designers, particularly important as they make the transition from higher education to the workplace, is patchy at best, says the report. More than a quarter of designers received no training at all in their first two working years and only 15 per cent had any off-job training in that period.

Subsequent training to provide updating later in a career was equally important, but nearly a third of the designers said they had received no off-job training in the past three years. Only a third had been given more than three days of off-job training a year in the same period.

Even where training was given it was not always design-related. Forty per cent of those surveyed reported no relevance to design techniques.

The report is critical of employers. "Engineering designers were starkly aware of their training needs. In contrast, most employers were ignorant to the point of complacency about the training needs of their engineering designers."

Lack of understanding of training needs was particularly acute in smaller companies, the report says.

But designers and employers did agree on priority areas for training, including computer skills, such as Cad/Cam techniques; management training, and schooling in designing to a manufacturing cost target. Designers also believed training in both general and job-specific technical skills and selection of materials was important.

The report says: "The size of the training gap should be worrying to anyone with an interest in the profitability and competitiveness of UK manufacturing industry."

A programme to tackle the problem should be co-ordinated by the Design Council with the backing of the Department of Trade and Industry, the report suggests. Action taken by companies would include a thorough training audit with a board-level appointee to ensure training needs were met.

The Government could promote an awareness campaign and be prepared to provide pump-priming finance which was likely to be needed, the report adds.

Engineering designers are urged to make a contribution to training, for example, by giving up some of their own time to take training courses.

Throwing money at the problem of training was not the answer, the report emphasizes. While employers cited costs as the biggest constraint against more training they were also confused and lacking knowledge about what training was needed.

It points out that next to resource complaints, employers said an important disincentive was the lack of information about training.

Higher net profits forecast by TNT

Sydney (Reuter) – TNT, the Australian-based international transport group, yesterday said it expected net profit for the year to June 30 to show a substantial increase over the Aus$152.59 million (£62.7 million) in 1986-87.

The group earlier reported a 35.4 per cent rise in net profits to Aus$126.46 million for the first three quarters ended March 31, from Aus$93.38 million a year ago.

Operations in Australia, the US, Britain and Brazil increased profitability but this gain was partly offset by difficult trading conditions in New Zealand and a reduction in profitability in Canada.

TNT said it is continuing to look at ways of further rationalizing its New Zealand operations to restore profits.

The contribution from shipping rose substantially over the year-earlier period.

In aviation, the group said it received a healthy contribution to profits from the Australian activities of Ansett Transport Industries, a company owned 50/50 by TNT and Mr Rupert Murdoch's company, The News Corporation.

Beaverco expands products base with £4.2m acquisition

By Our City Staff

Beaverco, the USM-quoted maker of plastic safety foam and furniture, is expanding its consumer products base with the acquisition of Aronstead, a Wakefield, West Yorkshire maker of garden furniture, for about £4.2 million.

Aronstead employs more than 300 people and claims the market leadership in the garden furniture industry, with about 15 per cent of the £100 million sales annually in the country.

Beaverco is paying £2.2 million immediately, £1.32 million in cash and the balance in new shares.

About £2 million is due in deferred consideration, depending on profits in the period up to March 1991.

Aronstead was the subject of a management buyout on assisted terms from Inchcape, the overseas trader, in November 1984.



Prudhoe: diversification

Mr John Prudhoe, the Beaverco managing director, said the acquisition represented a further diversification for the group and complemented its existing range of consumer products.

Aronstead's output went mainly to the middle and lower end of the market, he added, and there was the potential to use Beaverco's in-house design team to add on a more expensive product range.

In addition it would provide a further outlet for the group's range of safety foam materials.

Beaverco is planning further expansion of its range of industrial and consumer products, particularly into areas which complemented its existing activities, Mr Prudhoe added.

Hodgson buys bring total to 54

By Our City Staff

Hodgson Holdings, the ever-expanding funeral director, has agreed to acquire four more businesses, operating from six branches, for a total of £1.3 million.

The purchases bring to 54 the number of businesses acquired since Hodgson came to the USM in June 1986.

Three of the businesses, Peter Wilson & Sons, of Ayr, Strathclyde; Bennett Funeral Service, of Lewes, East Sussex; and H Griffiths, of Llandudno, Gwynedd, are for cash.

The fourth and largest, TH Fenton, of Lancashire, is being bought for £647,000 in new Hodgson shares and £487,000 in cash.

The company said further acquisitions would follow.

Power plan plea

The Central Electricity Generating Board's plans to build a large coal-fired power station on Southampton Water, already criticized by the Hampshire and New Forest councils, have been attacked by the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

The CPRE has called on Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, to order a full public inquiry.

Mr Andrew Purkiss, the CPRE director, said: "It would have an unacceptable environmental impact and only a public inquiry can properly appraise the full range of environmental impacts and assess the CEGB's claimed need for the station."

He said the Government's plans for privatizing the industry provided a new institutional background against which the CEGB's proposals should be rigorously assessed.

Mortgage Rate Change

Allied Irish Banks plc announces the reduction of its Mortgage Rate to 9½% with effect from 1st May 1988 for new applicants and 1st June 1988 for existing customers, who will be advised of amended repayments in due course. APR 9.9%.

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Profit before tax	50.2	30.1
Earnings per share	38.3p	34.8p
Dividends per share	17.25p	16.0p

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Allid Lyon...	390	32	40	50	18	25	30
('407)	420	16	27	37	35	43	50
	460	7	16	23	65	70	75
Bass...	800	62	85	97	15	22	33
('844)	850	33	55	62	40	50	60
	900	16	33	42	72	82	90
Brit Air...	140	27	29	32	3	5	9
('164)	160	10	17	21	9	13	18
	180	4	8	12	24	27	31
Brit Com...	260	25	33	36	12	15	20
('268)	280	15	25	30	22	27	30
	300	5	12	18	38	40	43
Brit Gas...	170	10½	14½	–	4½	9½	–
('174)	180	5½	9¼	15	9¾	14	17½
	200	1½	4	8	27	29	31
BP...	240	32	37	–	3	7	–
('266)	260	17	23	30	9	15	20
	280	8	13	22	20	27	31
Bristol...	480	70	77	–	3	8	–
('514)	500	35	45	–	8	15	–
Cons Gold...	900	135	160	190	35	65	75
('965)	950	95	135	160	60	85	100
	1000	72	105	135	90	115	130
Courtauld...	300	63	93	–	3	9	–
('374)	330	55	70	82	9	18	23
	360	36	53	63	20	28	37
	390	21	37	50	37	45	53
Com Union...	300	52	55	63	5	11	15
('341)	330	27	33	42	12	20	25
	360	12	20	27	28	35	40
C & W...	300	40	50	58	9	15	20
('328)	330	20	32	43	23	30	35
	360	11	22	27	40	48	53
GEC...	140	13	16	21	3	8	10
('148)	160	4	7	12	14	19	22
	180	1½	4	–	33	34	–
GKN...	260	58	62	68	4	8	12
('331)	300	41	47	53	7	12	16
	330	22	31	38	15	25	31
Grand Met...	420	82	98	–	3	6	–
('502)	460	57	88	80	8	15	18
	500	31	42	57	22	30	35
	550	10	23	–	53	58	–
ICI...	950	77	97	120	24	45	52
('989)	1000	48	70	92	47	70	75
	1050	28	–	–	77	–	–
	1100	16	34	–	115	137	–
Jaguar...	260	37	37	47	7	15	19
('275)	280	18	27	35	17	25	28
	300	10	19	26	30	35	40
Land Sec...	500	68	83	95	5	12	17
('563)	550	30	49	62	17	28	35
	600	11	25	35	55	60	65
M & S...	160	17	24	28	4	7	9
('174)	180	7	13	18	13	15	18
	200	2½	7	10	32	32	33
R-Royce...	100	24	27	31	1½	4	6
('120)	110	15	20	24	4	7	9
	120	9	14	18	8	10	13
STC...	220	40	46	52	2½	7	9
('255)	240	25	33	39	6	13	16
	260	16	23	29	18	23	26
Sainsbury...	220	15	21	25	10	14	16
('223)	240	6	11	16	23	25	27
	260	2	5	9½	40	41	42
Shell...	1000	95	117	143	18	37	45
('1062)	1050	68	–	–	35	–	–
	1100	42	65	83	60	83	93
Storehse...	260	27	37	45	20	27	33
('268)	280	20	27	36	33	40	45
	300	13	20	28	45	52	57
Trafalgar...	300	29	33	38	9	20	25
('305)	330	9	18	23	32	37	42
	360	4	8	12	60	63	68
TSB...	100	6½	9	13	5	7	7½
('101)	110	3	5½	8	12	13	14
	120	1	3	–	20	21	–
Ultramar...	240	66	70	75	2	4	6
('298)	260	48	53	60	4	9	11
	280	33	40	48	9	15	18
Woolworth...	260	30	38	45	7	14	18
('285)	280	18	30	37	18	23	25
	300	9	18	27	28	33	35
	Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Amstrad...	140	41	49	52	1	4	6
('179)	160	23	35	37	3	9	12
	180	10	21	26	10	17	20
Barclays...	360	35	45	53	4	15	20
('387)	395	14	22	33	20	30	35
	429	3½	11	20	47	52	57
Beecham...	420	55	63	72	3	11	17
('467)	460	24	39	46	15	27	31
	500	8	21	30	35	52	55
	550	2	–	–	85	–	–
Boots...	200	29	33	39	2	8	11
('225)	220	14	21	28	7	18	20
	240	6	11	19	20	28	32
BTR...	240	15	25	31	6	13	16
('247)	260	6	16	23	18	24	28
	280	2	9	15	34	38	42
Blue Circ...	420	32	47	63	12	20	25
('435)	460	13	30	42	38	45	50
	500	5	16	25	68	72	78
Dorona...	160	25	28	34	2½	7	10
('181)	180	11	16	24	5	16	20
	200	3	10	14	24	29	32

	Series	Calls Jan	Sep	Dec	Puts Jan	Sep	Dec
Glaxo...	950	38	80	95	35	60	72
('945)	1000	18	55	72	70	84	103
	1050	8	36	–	110	118	–
	1100	3	26	40	160	160	172
Hanson...	120	13½	17	20	1½	4	5
('132)	130	6	11	15	4½	8	9½
	140	2	7	10	11	14½	16
	150	½	2½	4½	20	20½	21
Hawker...	460	65	75	83	7	20	25
('520)	500	33	50	60	23	37	42
	550	13	30	37	55	65	70
Lonhro...	189	30	33	37	2	4	6½
('217)	206	17	22	28	4	9	12
	223	7½	12½	17	12	17	23
	240	3	7	–	24	28	–
Midland...	360	47	55	60	4	12	17
('395)	390	22	33	43	13	25	30
	420	7	18	27	28	37	45
Sears...	120	10	17	19	3	8	10
('128)	130	5	11	14	9	14	16
	140	2½	7	10	17	21	23
Tesco...	140	14	22	28	3	5	9
('150)	160	4½	10	15	14	18	20
	180	1½	6	8	32	34	36
Thorn EMI...	550	147	157	–	2	7	–
('636)	550	97	112	120	3	13	20
	600	50	68	80	8	25	34
	650	25	38	52	30	45	60
THF...	220	26	34	42	2	6	9
('244)	240	12	22	28	7	14	16
	260	3	12	16	20	25	28
Unilever...	480	18	40	50	19	28	34
('458)	500	5	22	32	48	52	57
	550	1½	9	–	95	95	–
Wellcome...	420	78	97	110	3	13	19
('491)	460	45	70	85	11	25	33
	500	22	48	63	29	45	51
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA...	245	27	33	43	1	6	10
('272)	255	18	26	37	1	9	14
	265	9	20	31	2	13	18
Brit Aero...	330	71	80	88	1	4½	10
('400)	360	41	59	67	2	10	18
	390	15	39	48	5	22	30
	420	3	24	32	22	40	46
BAT Ind...	390	27	45	53	2½	13	20
('414)	420	7	27	38	14	26	33
	450	1	12	22	50	53	57
	500	1	5	13	90	92	93
Brit Tele...	220	26	34	40	1	5	7
('247)	240	10	19	26	2½	11	16
	260	1½	9	14	14	23	25
Cadbury...	280	39	57	70	2	15	18
('318)	300	23	45	55	5	20	26
	330	8	27	42	20	35	43
Guiness...	280	32	–	47	2	–	12
('310)	300	13	–	35	4	–	22
	330	2	–	20	22	–	37
Ladbroke...	300	108	110	–	1	1	–
('404)	330	78	80	85	1	4	8
	360	48	53	60	1	9	15
Lasmo...	300	109	117	127	1	3½	7
('408)	330	79	88	102	1	7	13
	360	49	67	81	2	14	22
Pilkington...	200	10	18	28	4	15	20
('206)	220	2	10	18	17	28	33
	240	1	5	10	37	43	47
	260	1	4	–	57	58	–
Plessey...	140	14	20	28	1	8	11
('153)	160	2½	10	18	10	17	20
	180	1	4½	10	29	31	33
P & O...	550	18	45	57	6	23	33
('564)	600	4	23	34	40	50	64
	650	2	12	20	90	94	100
Prudential...	750	47	88	97	4	25	40
('790)	800	12	58	67	22	48	55
	850	3	39	47	67	75	80
Racal...	240	62	67	94	1	3	5
('321)	260	62	70	79	1	5	9
	280	42	56	66	1	10	16
RTZ...	300	75	87	–	2	6	–
('373)	330	45	65	74	2	14	19
	360	17	43	54	7	25	33
	380	7	–	–	14	–	–
Vaal Reefs...	80	5	9	13	3½	7	10
('80)	90	1½	4½	8	11	13	18
	100	1	3	4½	20	23	27
Tr 12%...	110	2 1/16	2 5/16	2¾	3 3/32	3 15/32	1
1995	112	1 1/16	1 31/32	1¾	1 15/32	1½	1¾
('112)	114	3/32	⅛	⅜	3 1/16	2 25/32	2¾
	116	1/32	⅛	⅜	¼	4 1/16	4⅜
Tr 11¾%...	114	4½	–	–	3/32	–	–
03/07	115	2 1/16	–	–	1/16	–	–
('118)	118	1 3/32	–	–	5/16	–	–
	120	13/32	–	–	2⅛	–	–
	122	5/16	–	–	3⅜	–	–

FT-SE INDEX ('1794)

Series	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
1650	147	155	165	180	4	13	20	28
1700	97	113	128	142	10	22	32	40
1750	58	77	93	107	21	38	50	57
1800	27	45	60	77	42	60	72	80
1850	10	27	42	55	75	92	100	107
1900	3	13	25	36	120	132	135	140
1950	1	6	14	25	170	177	180	182

May 9, 1988 Total: 25836 Calls 15567 Puts 10271 FT-SE: Calls 663 Puts 913
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 3	May 13	July 28	August 8

Call options were taken out on: 9/5/88 Metal Box, Hughes Foods, Brasway, Racal, Wilshaw Securides, Saatchi & Saatchi, B.P p/p, Telemetric, Marler Estates, Holmes Protection, Eagle Tst., Amalgamated Financial Inv., R Williams, Ryan Hotels, Northern Foods, Harris Queensway, Underwoods, Wembley Stadium, Rolls Royce, Boots, Cadburys, Randsworth, Cambium Venture, Stainless Metalcraft, Beecham, Stormgard.
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Merchants group in Ir£11.2m share offer

By Colin Campbell

Merchants Warehouse, the Irish-based group in which Mr Larry Goodman took a controlling interest late last year, has unveiled its plans for a revamp.

The restructure plans include the raising of fresh cash and a series of takeovers.

The group is seeking Ir£11.2 million (£9.5 million) through a share offer on the basis of 1.49 new shares for each one held. It yesterday outlined various takeovers costing Ir£30.1 million.

The group is to change its name to Food Industries, and is forecasting pretax profits of Ir£4.2 million in 1988

A final dividend of 4p, making 4.9p a share for the year, is being paid.

The shares were suspended at 200p in January, and will remain suspended until the latest developments are formally approved by shareholders, the group said.

The acquisitions include Drummonds & Dolans, incorporating Minch Norton, and Talmadge, comprising principally the assets of Bailieboro Co-op.

The enlarged group would have three distinct operating subsidiaries representing dairy, grain-processing and cold storage.

It is estimated to have a turnover of Ir£88 million and net assets of Ir£28.9 million.

"We intend that the enlarged group will become one of Ireland's leading agri-food businesses, and that the directors intend to increase its size both by internal growth and by the acquisition of complementary businesses," says the board.

The new shares have been conditionally placed with institutions and other investors at 125p each, with clawback provisions.

The new acquisitons costing Ir£30.1 million are being made from Goodman International on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 9.5.

Goodman will receive 21.7 million new shares in Merchants. Goodman currently holds 66 per cent of Merchants, and will build up its stake to 70 per cent in the enlarged group.

Merchants is also to sell for Ir£1 million its 21.5 per cent stake in Tara Meats, Star Meats and Tara Meats (Kilbeggan).

Hunting rides in with £19m deal and record profits

By Colin Campbell

Hunting Associated Industries topped record results for 1987 with news of a £19.2 million deal to buy Lynwood Scientific Developments, a privately-owned computer display terminals group.

Lynwood, which makes equipment for sophisticated electronic systems to Ministry of Defence and other Nato government requirements, will further increase Hunting's substantial technology base and give it a foundation for establishing a large electronics business.

In the year to end-June, Lynwood reported a turnover of £15.3 million and pretax profits of £1.2 million. It benefited significantly from one large order from Honeywell relating to a contract for the Department of Health and Social Security.

Lynwood's order book now stands at £8.9 million.

Mr Clive Hunting, the Hunting chairman, says there will be an initial £5.2 million cash payment for Lynwood, with three further amounts up to a maximum £14 million, depending on profits in the three years to end-1990.

Lynwood will operate as a separate subsidiary of Hunting Electronics.

Hunting Associated Industries yesterday announced profits of £18.13 million for the year to end-December, against £11.8 million last time, on a turnover of £338.9 million compared with £332 million in 1986.



Clive Hunting with a winged horn, the company's symbol (Photograph: James Morgan)

"Two years ago I said I believed the prospects for continuing growth in 1986 were good and a year later I said I was glad to be able to say the same for 1987.

"I now repeat my belief in respect of 1988 that this continuity will be maintained," says Mr Hunting.

"We have a strong defence production order book with good export potential, while other activities should consolidate or improve their 1987 performance," he added.

A final dividend of 5p is recommended, making 9p (7.2p) for the year. Hunting proposes a one-for-four scrip issue. The shares yesterday rose by 30p to 443p, after touching 448p.

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MIM raises holding in German metals firm

Frankfurt (Reuter) — MIM Holdings, the Australian mining group, is gradually raising its direct stake in Metallgesellschaft, the West German metals company, from 2.7 per cent to 5 per cent, Sir Bruce Watson, MIM's chairman and chief executive, said.

Sir Bruce, visiting Frankfurt for the listing of MIM's shares on the Frankfurt exchange, said MIM recently began buying Metallgesellschaft shares again on the open market.

"It has been a very good relationship. We have been buying from time to time as we have seen the opportunity.

We have 2.7 per cent and we could go up to 5 per cent," he said.

Sir Bruce, who was elected to Metallgesellschaft's supervisory board this year, said the speed of the share purchases depended partly on how the share price reacts.

MIM bought a small stake in Metallgesellschaft in 1986 and soon afterwards Australian Mutual Provident Society, the insurance group which has a minor stake in MIM, took 5 per cent of Metallgesellschaft, which in turn holds a 3.7 per cent stake in MIM.

"We have no declared policy on when or how we will buy, but we are aware that Metallgesellschaft would welcome an increase in our shareholding," Sir Bruce said.

Ashton's offer values Adex at Aus$13.4m

Melbourne, (Reuter) — Ashton Mining, the Australian diamond producer, a partner in the Argyle joint venture, has said it will bid for the 75 per cent it does not already own in Australian Diamond Exploration (Adex), a company managed by Ashton.

Ashton said it will offer 35 Australian cents a share for each 50 cent Adex share paid to 35 cents, and 25 cents for each share paid to 25 cents, valuing Adex at Aus$13.4 million (£5.5 million).

Ashton's bid for Adex comes after a paper offer for Adex shares by Vam, a gold producer, of one fully paid 50 cent Vam share for Adex 35 cent shares, and two Vam shares for every three 25 cent Adex shares. Vam last traded at 30 cents.

The price of uncut diamonds from Australia's Argyle diamond mine, northwestern Australia, is being increased by an average of just above 10 per cent. This follows the recent 13.5 per cent increase in the price of rough diamonds marketed by the De Beers' marketing arm, the Central Selling Organization.

Mr David Karpin, managing director of Argyle Diamonds Sales, says the price increase applies to gem and near gem diamonds.

Argyle produced 30.3 million carats of diamonds from its mine last year.

Clothing output in Ulster 'to rise 50%'

By Robert Rodwell

Northern Ireland's large clothing industry, employing more than 16,000 people — 17 per cent of Ulster's manufacturing workforce — can expect to increase output by 50 per cent over the next five years and take on another 2,500 employees.

This is the conclusion of a one-year study by an industry "task force" funded by the NI Industrial Development Board. The report was completed by Kurt Salmon Associates, an international clothing consultancy.

The industry's sales totalled £337 million last year, and a turnover of £500 million, at present prices, is a realistic prospect for 1992, the report says. To achieve the expansion about £25 million will need to be invested to break into new market sectors; and the same amount again to improve productivity. This compares with about £60 million that Ulster's clothing companies have invested in the past three years. In this period output has grown by 30 per cent while the total number of employees has risen by 1,000.

The industry, comprising 120 companies, of which only 75 have more than 50 employees, is particularly strong in shirts, lingerie and hosiery where it is among the international leaders. But it exports only about 15 per cent of its output, mainly to leading British retailers. But the growth of "segmented" marketing, represented by such specialist retailing chains as Next and Principles, has led to greater demand for flexibility and the ability to handle short production runs to meet the demands of fickle fashion — a process to which the industry in general has adapted well.

The release of the report yesterday coincided with an announcement by Warnaco, a leading US lingerie and leisure clothing group, that it planned to increase employment at its two lingerie factories at Keady, County Armagh, and Dromore, County Down.

Mrs Linda Wachner, the former Max Factor cosmetics chief who took over Warnaco two years ago, said the factory at Keady would become the headquarters of a new European division. The two Ulster factories, with a staff of 400, would be recruiting another 125 people.

Deal for GPG shares denied by Equiticorp

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Equiticorp yesterday categorically denied that it had a special sharebuying arrangement with ICG, one of GPG's largest shareholders, last year which contravened takeover rules. The sale of 7 million shares to Equiticorp was instrumental in triggering the New Zealand company's successful bid for GPG.

The Observer on Sunday published details of a letter in which ICG, a private German investment company, demanded an extra payment from Equiticorp to cover the difference between the price at which it had sold its stake and the final bid price which was higher.

ICG sold its stake to Equiticorp for 110p a share, although the bidders later increased their offer to 115p. Early this year, ICG demanded payment of an extra 4.5p a share from Equiticorp as part of an alleged agreement made in August last year.

Mr Grant Adams, deputy chairman of Equiticorp, said there was no basis to ICG's demand. No money or arrangements were still outstanding between his company and ICG. "Equiticorp bought the shares before the bid, paid 110p and bid 110p."

A manager for Samuel Montagu, the bank which acted for Equiticorp in the bid, said: "There were no side arrangements during the bid. We spoke to Equiticorp this morning and they said that they definitely did not make any other offer."

Samuel Montagu says it was careful to point out to Equiticorp at the time of the bid that under British rules, shareholders who sell early at a lower price are not entitled to a top-up from the bidder later on. "We are satisfied we did everything to prevent them breaking the takeover rules, and Equiticorp assure us that they did not," the Samuel Montagu spokesman said.

In the offer document for GPG, Samuel Montagu asserted that the ICG stake had been purchased by Equiticorp for exactly 110p a share.

The article in *The Observer* was, however, the first Samuel Montagu had heard about ICG's letter to Equiticorp. The bank said Equiticorp had not told it about the letter because it was merely an unwarranted attempt to obtain money.

The letter was written by Lord Kissin, still a substantial shareholder of GPG, on behalf of ICG. It refers to an agreement made in August — a month before the bid was launched — with Mr Adams. Lord Kissin denies that he was party to the agreement, insisting that it was between Mr Adams and ICG. But he also says that all shareholders who sold out to Equiticorp at 110p were entitled to receive the full 115p when the bid was later raised.

Lord Kissin says that he wrote the letter only because ICG had asked for his help in recovering the money which it believes is due to it.

Meanwhile, Mr Adams yesterday contradicted statements last week by an Equiticorp official who said the company had no intention of selling its stake in Guinness Mahon.

He left open the possibility that the company might sell its 61 per cent stake in the merchant bank, which is due to be floated off from the rest of GPG in the next few days.

"We have always said we never close the door to a decent offer. We are sellers of everything if the price is right," Mr Adams said.

Brewmaker lifts profit

Brewmaker, the home-brewing kit-maker taken over this year by Mr Tony Acton, the South African entrepreneur, made £423,000 in pretax profits for the year to end-January.

The previous year it barely scraped to a profit, making £3,000 after heavy redundancy and rationalization profits.

Conditions in the home brewing industry remained very difficult last year, Mr Acton said, with turnover falling from £6.98 million to £5.76 million and the profits improvement coming from the elimination of overheads.

The company had cash balances of about £1.3 million and was poised for expansion, he added.

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STOCK MARKET

Strong pound holds back investors

The start of the new account yesterday saw institutional investors reluctant to commit fresh funds to the stock market in the face of a rising pound and the renewed weakness on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped below the 2,000-level in early dealings.

The strength of sterling, which pushed through the DM3.16 and $1.88 levels, followed a report by an economist at Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, disputing the view that the currency would fall later in the year.

Takeover favourites continued to attract what little interest there was with turnover falling from Friday's 609 million shares to 368 million.

The FT-SE 100 share index lost an early rise of 4.1 points, to stand 7.8 points down at its worst before closing 6.2 points lower at 1,794.9. The narrower FT 30 share index ended 2.1 points down at 1,438.0.

Kwik-Fit, the motor accessories group, 1p firmer at 196p, is gearing up for 1992. A sales conference over the weekend heard plans for expanding in Europe, particularly in France. Pretax profits for the year to February should stretch to £15 million, rising to £20 million in the current year.

Gilt-edged stocks closed without much alteration as dealers, uncertain about the future direction of domestic interest rates, remained on the sidelines.

Stead & Simpson, the retailer and car distributor, was one of the biggest movers on the day following the surprise bid from Clayform Properties, the fast expanding property group. Stead's ordinary voting shares responded to the move with a rise of 170p to £12.45, while the non-voting A shares firmed 8p to 128p.

Clayform has offered almost £90 million in cash for the family-controlled business and knows it faces an uphill struggle in the battle for control. Clayform bought a strategic 29.9 per cent stake in the ordinary shares last week from the TKM group of Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur.

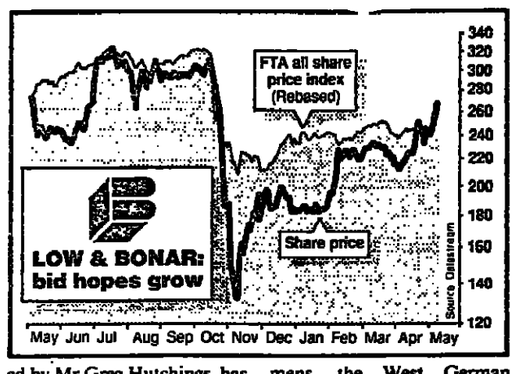
This particular holding has changed hands a number of times. It was first bought by United Drapery Stores, back in the early 1980s, which was then taken over by Hanson. Hanson sold the stake to Ward White, which in turn passed it on to Sir Ron. Attempts by the various suitors at negotiating an agreed bid all ended in failure.

Clayform, which has made a number of ambitious bids in the past, has already approached the board but received short shrift. Mr Robert Ware, the finance director, says he believes the offer may tempt a few of the Gee family members who already account for more than 50 per cent of the votes. "There is little downside on the deal," he added.

Low & Bonar, the packaging and printing group, enjoyed another burst of speculative buying on hopes that a bid will soon materialize. The price ended the day 6p better at 204p, after 207p. In the past month, it has risen from the 205p-level amid whispers that someone is building a stake.

Talk in the marketplace last week claimed a large parcel of shares had changed hands and that the mystery buyer would soon be forced to show his hand.

Tomkins, the fast growing industrial conglomerate headed by Mr Greg Hutchings, has been tipped as a potential suitor along with Reed International. Rival Bunzl has ruled itself out of the race by announcing that it has no more acquisitions planned for the time being.



Bid hopes also boosted **Racal Electronics** where there has been persistent speculation in recent weeks. Heavy turnover of the shares during the past few days has been reported and a further 4.2 million were traded yesterday as the price advanced 1p to 322p.

Cable & Wireless and Siemens, the West German industrial group, have both been tipped as possible bidders. Brokers are convinced that it will be a race to see if the buyer can get his act together before Racal floats off its Vodafone subsidiary.

Meanwhile, Cable & Wireless was busy with a new publicity drive for its Mercury telecomunications subsidiary. The group is now pushing Mercury as the only alternative to British Telecom and claims it handles a growing number of calls to Europe and North America.

Chancery Securities, the USM-quoted merchant bank and licensed dealer, stood out with a 12p rise to 227p still responding to a buy circular last week from its own broker, Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, which is looking for a big rise in profits over the next couple of years.

It looks as though the group has got a number of deals up its sleeve and the possibility of a name change should not be ruled out.

Suter, headed by Mr David Abell, advanced 7p to 182p on buying fuelled by suggestions that the company is on the verge of making a significant disposal.

It is said Mr Abell will soon announce the sale of its Mitchell Cotts transport division for £30 million.

Suter has rallied smartly from events a couple of months back after the Channel 4 television publicity over share purchases.

Suter holds a 27 per cent stake in Newman Industries, a 24 per cent interest in Metal Closures, and 27 per cent of Amari. But with so many strategic stakes Suter itself is also starting to look vulnerable to a bid.

Nearly 3 million shares in **Amstrad**, Mr Alan Sugar's consumer electronics group, attracted solid investment support, closing 6p higher at 179p on a turnover of nearly 3 million shares.

Buyers are hoping for some bullish news to emerge from a presentation between Amstrad and institutions this week at its Brentwood headquarters. There is talk Mr Sugar will reveal a new range of video cameras.

The rise in the shares was also accompanied by vague suggestions that the group has secured control of the *Fidelity* brand name from Caparo Industries.

Harris Queensway, the carpet-to-furniture retailer run by Sir Philip Harris, lost 2p to 158p as the market waited for further news of the bid approach.

Last Thursday, the shares soared to 177p after Sir Philip softened the blow of the disastrous full-year figures with the news that he had received a bid approach.

Names like Mr Alan Bond's Bond Corporation, WH Smith and Woolworth have all been mentioned. But investors have been reluctant to chase the shares higher.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, thinks the shares should be sold. It says they would have crashed below 100p on the poor figures if the possibility of a bid had not arisen. The downward potential of the shares is considerable if a bid fails to materialize.

Goal Petroleum, the oil independent, rose by 5.5p to 113p amid reports of a significant North Sea oil find. A test well has produced results about three times better than original estimates at a well in which Goal holds a 20 per cent interest and BP the remaining 80 per cent.

County NatWest Woodmac, the broker, remains a fan of the drinks sector for earnings growth and other factors. It singles out Bass, up 4p at 844p, Grand Metropolitan, 3p lower at 501p, Guinness, 1p cheaper at 310p, Marston, Thompson & Evershed, 1p firmer at 118p.

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Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Acre Oil	190 –9
Brit Pet P/P	71 –1½
Central Motor (80p)	98
Clinton Cards (150p)	170 –1
Dagenham Motors	115
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	103
Freeman Gp	233 –2
Gardner (DC)	151
Govett Amer	98
Handley Walker	146
Holders Tech (140p)	148
Johnston (122p)	140
Kitty Little (90p)	113 –2
LGW	83
Merc Manf New	73 –3
Micrelec	123
Moorfield Est	123
Morris Ashby (90p)	91
P&P (175p)	180 –1
Pennant	20 +1
Pennine Optical	47
Porvair (78p)	91 –2
Psion	128 –1
Reliable Props	£17 –½
Resort Hotels (14p)	18
Roskel	126
TGI (130p)	131 –2
UK Paper (135p)	138 –1
Victaulic (235p)	254 –1
Vosper Thorny (160p)	176 –1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alphameric N/P	36
Astra N/P	1 –1½
Bk of Ireland N/P	59
Barclays N/P	138 –1
Pineapple N/P	4
SD-Scicon N/P	19
Scanro N/P	20
Scantronic N/P	15 –1
West Trust N/P	40 +2

(Issue price in brackets).

NEW YORK

Dow edges lower in early trading

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street stocks were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday with many investors staying out of the action due to futures-related activity creating sudden moves. Concern about upward pressure on interest rates added to investor caution, brokers said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 7.63 to 1,999.83 at one stage, and the transport indicator slipped 6.27 to 836.77.

● **Tokyo** – Share prices fell for the third session in moderate trade on wariness ahead of the quarterly US Treasury auction, brokers said. The Nikkei average lost 223.47 points to 27,264.30 after shedding 46.62 points in half-day trading on Saturday.

● **Sydney** – A lack of buying support saw the share market drift to a weaker close in all sectors, brokers said. The All-Ordinaries index fell by 12.1 points to 1,410.8 and the All-Industrials indicator closed down 17.3 points at 2,285.3.

● **Hong Kong** – Share prices closed firmer in active trading on selective buying, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended 12.29 points higher at 2,584.03.

WALL STREET

	May 6	May 5		May 6	May 5		May 6	May 5
AMR Cp	44¼	45	Fedders	8⅝	8⅝	Pennzoil	74	74
ASA	43	43¼	Firestone	n.a	79⅝	Pepsico	33⅝	34⅜
Aetna Life	40⅝	41¼	Fst Chicago	25⅞	25⅞	Pfizer	52⅜	54
Allied Signal	31⅞	32	Fst Int Bncp	41¼	41¼	Phelps Dod	36⅝	37⅞
Allis Chim	1	1	Fst Penn C	10⅜	10⅝	Philip Mor	65⅛	65⅜
Alcoa	44	44⅛	FT Wachva	37⅜	37⅜	Philip Pet	18⅛	18⅛
Amax Inc	20⅛	20⅜	Ford Motor	47	48	Pillsbury	40⅛	40⅞
AMR Hess	29½	29⅝	GAF Cp	49⅜	49⅜	Polaroid	33¼	33
Am Brands	43⅜	44⅛	GTE Cp	35⅜	35⅝	Primerica	25	24⅛
Am Cynmid	50⅝	51⅛	Gen Cp	18⅜	18⅜	Procr Gble	74⅝	75⅜
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	26½	Gn Dynam	55	55⅝	Pub S E G	22⅜	22⅝
Amexs	23½	23⅝	Gen Electric	39⅞	40	R Nabisco	48⅛	48⅝
Am Family	14½	14⅜	Gen Inst	31¼	32⅝	Raytheon	66¼	67
Am Home	73⅜	75⅝	Gen Mills	45⅝	45⅞	Rjnlds Ntsl	44⅜	44⅜
Am Int Grp	82¼	82½	Gen Motors	74⅛	75⅜	Rockwell Int	18⅜	18⅝
Am Stand	77⅛	32½	Gen Pub Ut	33¼	32⅝	Royal Dutch	121⅝	121⅞
Am Telph	25⅞	26⅛	Genesco	4⅝	4⅞	SFE Sopac	15	15⅜
Amoco Cp	75⅝	75⅝	Georgia Pac	39	39⅝	Sara Lee	37⅛	37⅝
Anheusr B	30½	30½	Gillette	38⅝	39⅛	Schlumb	37⅞	38⅛
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅝	Goodrich	54⅛	53	Scott Paper	38⅜	37⅞
Asarco Inc	22½	22⅞	Goodyear	64⅛	63⅜	Seagram	52⅜	53
Ashland Oil	71	71	Gould Inc	14	14	Sears Roeb	35	35⅛
Atl Richfd	86	86⅛	Grace Co	25⅝	25⅝	Shell Trans	79⅛	79⅛
Avon Prod	24⅛	24⅜	Grt Atl Pac	35	35	Singer	n.a	n.a
Bk Boston	23⅛	23⅜	Greyhnd	28⅛	28⅛	Smith Beck	52⅜	52⅛
Bank NY	30¼	30⅝	Gruman	20⅛	20⅜	Sony Cp	44⅞	45
Bankamer	9⅜	9⅜	Gulf W Westn	37⅜	37⅜	Sth Cal Ed	31⅜	31⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	30⅝	30	Heinz	40⅜	40⅞	SW Bell	34⅛	34⅜
Baxter	20⅛	20⅝	Hercules	48	48⅝	Squibb	58⅝	60
Beth Steel	19⅜	19⅜	Hewlett Pk	61	61⅜	Stevens JP	68⅝	68⅛
Boeing	48⅜	48⅛	Honeywell	69	69⅝	Sun Coop	56⅝	56⅛
Boise Casc	44⅛	45⅛	IC Ind	33⅛	33	TRW Inc	43	43⅛
Borden	51⅝	52⅛	ITT Cp	47⅞	48⅛	Teledyne	331¼	337
Bristl Meyr	39⅜	39½	INCO	27⅜	27⅜	Tenneco	43⅝	43¼
BP	60⅜	60	ing Rand Wt	40	39⅝	Texaco	52	51⅛
Brunswick	22½	23	Inland Steel	33¾	33⅝	Tex Easts	27⅞	28⅜
Burl Nth	65⅛	66⅛	IBM	110⅜	111⅛	Texas Inst	48⅛	48
CBS	152⅛	153	Int Paper	43⅛	43⅜	Tex Uts	25⅞	26⅛
CMS Engy	15⅛	15⅜	Irving Bk	60	60⅜	Textron	24⅝	24⅝
CPC Int	51½	50⅝	Jhnsn & Jhns	73⅝	74⅛	Travelers	33⅞	34⅛
CSX Cp	26¾	27⅛	K Mart	32⅝	33⅛	USG	45⅝	45⅝
Camp Soup	26⅛	26⅛	Kaisertech	18⅜	17⅞	USX Cp	32⅛	31⅝
Can Pacific	19	19⅛	Kerr McGee	37⅛	36⅝	Unilever Plc	34⅝	34⅛
Caterpillar	61⅛	61⅝	Kimberly Clrk	54⅛	54	Un Carbide	23⅝	22⅞
Centrl SW	31	30⅞	Kraft	53⅜	53⅞	Un Pac Cp	63⅜	65
Champion	34	33⅜	Kroger	32⅞	32⅝	Unisys Cp	34	34⅛
Chase Man	24½	24¾	LTV Cp	3⅞	3⅛	Utd Brands	54	53⅜
Chem Bank	24⅜	24⅛	Litton	82⅝	81⅝	Us West	51⅛	51⅛
Chevron	48⅝	48	Lockheed	44⅜	44⅝	Utd Tech	38⅛	38⅛
Chrysler	23⅞	23⅛	Lucky Str	61⅛	61¼	Unocal	37⅞	37
Citicorp	20⅛	20⅛	Man H'ver	25⅜	25⅞	Wham Lamb	64⅛	65⅝
Clark Eq	31⅛	32	Manville	2	2	Wells Far	52⅝	52⅞
Coca Cola	36⅜	37⅜	Mapco	56⅛	56⅝	Westg El	50⅛	51⅛
Colgate	41⅜	42⅛	Marriott	29⅝	29⅞	Weyerhsr	37⅞	37⅞
Columb Gas	30	29⅞	Mt Marietta	43⅛	43⅜	Whirlpool	25⅝	26⅛
Cmb'n Eng	30⅛	30	Masco	25⅞	25⅞	Woolworth	56⅝	57⅛
Cmwlth Edi	24	23⅞	Mcdonalds	43⅜	43⅛	Xerox Cp	52⅞	53⅛
Cons Edis	42⅛	42⅜	McDonnell	62⅜	63⅜	Zenith	22⅞	22⅛
Consol Ng	35⅝	35⅝	Mead Cp	35¼	35¼			
Cont Data	26⅛	26⅝	Merck	152⅛	155⅛	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	50⅝	50⅜	Minsta Mng	57⅜	58⅜			
Crane	29⅝	29⅝	Mobil	45⅛	45⅞	Agnco Eag	17¼	17¼
Curtiss W	49⅝	49½	Monsanto	80½	81⅜	Alcan Aluin	34	33¾
Data Gent	22¾	21⅞	Morgan Jp	31⅛	31⅛	Algoma Stl	20.37	18.50
Deere Co	46⅝	46⅜	Motorola	48⅜	49	Can Pacific	23½	23⅝
Delta Air	48⅞	48⅝	NCR	61⅛	61⅛	Cominco	19⅝	19⅝
Detroit Edi	12⅞	12½	NL Indstrs	7⅝	7⅝	Con Bathrst	16⅛	16⅛
Digital Eq	105⅝	105⅝	Nat Md Ent	21¼	21⅛	Hawk S Can	24¼	24¾
Disney	57⅛	57⅛	Nat Semi	13⅜	13⅜	Hud Bay M	19	19¼
Dow Chem	83⅜	84⅛	Norfolk Sth	27	27¼	Imasco	27¼	27
Dresstr Ind	33⅛	32⅝	NW Bancrp	41⅞	41⅜	Imperial Oil	59⅝	59¼
Dupont	83⅝	84	Occid Petl	27	26⅝	Int Pipe	46⅝	47¼
Duke Pwr	43	43⅜	Ogden Cp	27	27⅞	Royl Trstco	16½	16⅝
East Kodak	41⅝	42⅜	Olin Cp	49⅝	49⅝	Seagram	84⅛	65½
Eaton Cp	79⅞	80	PPG Ind	41	41–	Shelco 'A'	41⅛	41⅛
Emerson El	30	30⅛	Pac Enterp	44⅛	44	Thmsn N 'A'	27⅝	27⅛
Emery Air	6⅛	6⅜	Pac Gas El	14½	14⅝	Vanty Cp	3.95	4.10
Exxon	44⅛	43⅞	Pan Am	2⅜	2⅜	WCT	17⅛	17⅞
Farah Inc	8⅝	9	Penney JC	46⅛	46½	Weston	33⅜	33¼



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Developing new revenue sources is a key element in the Group's strategy for future growth. Indeed, it is an ability to identify and exploit niche markets with unique solutions and services, coupled with a determined effort to provide a high level of service, that enables us to maintain the momentum evident in recent years.

With this year's Report another innovation is introduced: a Personal Stockholders' Benefits Scheme which we believe is the first package of its kind to be offered by a major company in the financial sector.

The Group's increased flexibility and its corporate zeal and enthusiasm signal even more progress in the years to come. As the Governor states: "The opportunities for profitable expansion of the volume and diversity of all aspects of the Group's business have never appeared more promising."

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The Ordinary General Meeting in GN GREAT NORDIC

will be held on Wednesday 25 May 1988 at 3.30 pm in Industriens Hus (House of the Danish Industry) in Copenhagen.

AGENDA

1. Report on the Company's business in the past year.
2. Presentation of the annual accounts for approval, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
3. Proposal for the allocation of the year's result and the rate of dividend.
4. Proposal from the Board of Directors for alteration of the Company's Articles of Association. The essence of the proposal is as follows:
   That a number of editorial alterations be made, mainly as a consequence of the Company's shares having been transferred for registration with the Danish Securities Centre, share certificates and coupons in Denmark having been annulled accordingly.
5. Proposal from the Board of Directors for authorisation to the Board to acquire on the Company's behalf up to 10 per cent of the Company's own shares.
6. Election to the Board of Directors.

Article 18 of the Company's Articles of Association stipulates that for the adoption of the proposal under Item 4 of the Agenda not less than one-fourth of the share capital issued shall be represented at the General Meeting, and the adoption shall be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast and of the amount of share capital represented at the Meeting as carrying voting rights. In the event that sufficient share capital is not represented but that the resolution is carried with the majority specified above, the resolution may be finally carried at a new general meeting convened for the purpose, with the above prescribed majority regardless of the amount of share capital represented at the meeting as carrying voting rights.

From Tuesday 17th May 1988 the Agenda and the complete proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, the Annual Accounts and Group Accounts with the Auditor's Report, and the Annual Report will be open to the inspection of shareholders at the Company's offices in Copenhagen, and in London and Paris. Copies of the same material will also be sent, not later than eight days before the General Meeting, to all shareholders noted in the Company's register of shareholders at the addresses noted in the register.

Admission to the General Meeting requires that card of admission be obtained not later than five days prior to the Meeting from the Company's office in London or Copenhagen on shareholders proving their rights as such, in Denmark by presentation of original statement or share account dated 10th May 1988 from the bank holding the account.

No director is employed with the Company under a contract of service.

The Board of Directors

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Weak start to account

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end May 20. §Contango day May 23. Settlement day May 31.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 28)

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

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No.	Company	Group	Gains on Tues
1	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
2	Baker Harris	Property	
3	Lancaster	Motors,Aircraft	
4	Pinatons	Motors,Aircraft	
5	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
6	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
7	Rolls-Royce (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
8	Haynes Publishing	Newspapers,Pub	
9	TI	Industrials S-Z	
10	West Trust	Textiles	
11	Textured Jersey	Textiles	
12	Benrose	Paper,Print,Adv	
13	F A N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
14	LandLease	Leisure	
15	Reckitt Colman (aa)	Industrials L-R	
16	Glynwed (aa)	Industrials E-K	
17	ML Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
18	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
19	Cape Ind	Industrials A-D	
20	Clayform	Property	
21	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
22	Caird Gp	Property	
23	Rover	Motors,Aircraft	
24	Brent Walker	Leisure	
25	Richardson West	Industrials L-R	
26	Dawson	Textiles	
27	Brixton	Property	
28	Slough Estates	Property	
29	Pentos	Industrials L-R	
30	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
31	Stylo	Shoes, Leather	
32	French (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
33	Prist Mariana	Property	
34	Juliana's Hldgs	Leisure	
35	Grainger	Property	
36	Rehyon	Industrials L-R	
37	Expamet	Industrials E-K	
38	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
39	Yorkfyde	Textiles	
40	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	
41	Abbot Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
42	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	Barr & WA 'A'	Leisure	
44	Land Sec (aa)	Property	

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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
322	259	Allied-Lyons (aa)	305	306	-1	16.2	5.3	8.2
265	205	Bass (aa)	265	266	-1	12.0	4.5	9.1
1165	1000	Bell (Arthur)	1165	1200		70.0	5.8	8.3
1165	1000	Bell (Arthur) 8%	1165	1200		80.0	6.7

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lineline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	112.9	121.0	+0.2	8.26
Hi Inc Equity	115.5	122.8p	+0.3	4.85
Worldwide Bd	182.3	193.5p	-2.1	5.00
American Gth	136.7	145.4	-1.6	1.69
Asian Pacific	61.1	65.8	-0.3	0.75
Assets & Earns	134.0	142.5p	+0.5	1.56
Capital Res	78.0	78.2	..	3.84
Comm Energy	85.9	90.8	-2.2	0.68
Euro Capital	98.5	70.5p	-1.9	1.05
General	162.6	172.7	+1.3	2.61
Japan	96.3	102.9	-2.9	..
UK Gth Inc	124.6	132.5p	-0.1	2.09
Do Acc	183.1	194.7p	-0.5	1.42
US Emerg Co	40.4	43.2	-0.3	0.00
Income Gth	242.9	258.4p	-1.8	3.65
Master Acc	68.3	73.0	-0.4	2.56
American Inc	39.4	42.1	-0.4	6.51
Ethical Tst	41.4	44.0	+0.3	2.84

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth	30.7	32.6p	+0.2	3.22
N Amer Inc	23.5	25.0p	-0.1	4.78
World Gth	36.0	40.4p	-0.4	1.18
Extra Inc	37.7	40.1	+0.1	4.85

20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 5801
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	36.8	39.2	-0.6	2.57
Amer Extra Inc	33.4	35.6	-0.4	5.52
Australasian	19.0	20.3	-0.2	1.72
Euro Tst	39.3	41.9	-0.3	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.9	25.5	-0.1	9.56
Global Income	34.1	36.3p	-0.1	5.34
Hi Income	52.4	55.8p	-0.2	5.47
Income Growth	64.7	68.9	-0.2	4.33
International	60.0	63.2	-1.0	0.61
Japan Gen	162.1	172.5	-2.9	0.07
Special Sits	62.4	66.4p	-0.1	1.31

Formerly Atlantic UT Managers

Japan Far East	71.0	75.5	..	1.43
International	69.8	74.2p	-0.4	2.06
Do Acc	91.2	96.9p	-0.6	2.06
Hi Income	56.3	59.8	+0.5	5.58
Fund Invest	100.1	106.4p	+0.9	2.41
Do Acc	151.6	161.1p	+1.2	2.41
UK Growth	20.8	22.1	-0.3	4.48
N American	37.1	39.4	-0.5	1.61
Swiss Balncd	37.5	39.9	-0.2	3.89

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 5454

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	98.0	104.4	-0.5	1.15
Exempt	384.1	405.2p	+2.5	4.75
Far Eastern	204.5	219.3	-3.8	0.00
Fin & Prop	77.6	82.2	+0.4	2.59
Hi Yield	71.3	75.5p	+0.2	9.68
Income & Gth	296.9	316.5	+1.3	4.52
Int Earnings	175.6	186.0p	+0.5	3.01
Int Growth Inc	84.4	89.9p	-1.1	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	152.2	163.1	-2.2	2.92
N Amer Gth Inc	100.4	106.1	-2.2	2.92
Preference Inc	128.4	136.0p	-0.2	8.95
Smlr Co Dv Inc	90.6	96.0	-0.2	4.55
Smlr Co Gth	269.2	285.2p	-0.2	0.68
Spec Sits Inc	143.9	137.1p	-0.4	1.51
UK Growth	371.3	393.3p	+2.0	3.32

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 28251 dealing 0793 518556

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed	290.6	307.9	+1.2	4.74
Equity Inc	110.3	180.5	+1.1	4.33
High Yield	169.2	179.3p	+0.3	5.93
Balanced	412.9	437.7	+2.0	3.37
Amer Inc	25.6	27.5	-0.3	2.91
World Ass Val	24.9	26.5	-0.2	1.21
Japan	139.3	148.4	-3.0	0.01
Sec of Amer	174.3	185.6c	-1.6	1.04
Asset Value	311.4	330.1	-2.0	3.26
O'seas Earn	204.0	216.2	+0.8	3.26
Recovery	95.1	100.8p	+0.3	3.10
Uk Spec Sits	251.9	267.0	+1.2	2.56
Smlr Co	161.5	171.2	+0.8	2.58
Capital	245.3	260.0p	-0.9	3.16
Amer Spec Sit	56.5	60.2p	-0.5	1.81
International	86.7	92.3	-1.1	1.07
Growth & Inc	148.2	157.1p	+0.4	3.19
Euro Gth	17.0	18.1	..	1.38
Pacific	212.4	225.2	-4.0	0.18
2nd Smlr Co	187.6	198.9	+0.3	1.85

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	77.7	82.9	+0.1	3.22
Euro Gth Inc	96.7	60.5	-0.3	1.44
Extra Income	91.5	97.6p	+0.2	5.13
General	163.0	173.9p	+0.3	3.32
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.7	56.5c	-0.1	9.50
Income Tst	393.9	420.2	+0.1	4.38
Inc Income	47.1	50.3	-0.3	4.38
Smlr Co Inc	37.5	40.1	+0.2	1.26

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
Tel: 01-658 9000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	49.1	52.0p	-0.7	0.70
Australia	92.6	97.9p	-0.6	0.00
Eastern	61.1	66.2	-0.6	0.10
Equity Inc	67.4	71.5p	+0.3	5.30
Europe	110.6	117.3	-0.8	0.00
Exempt Tst	56.5	59.9	..	0.00
Growth & Inc	73.9	78.2	-0.1	2.20
Do Acc	114.8	121.6	-0.1	2.20
Global Gth	56.9	60.3	-0.4	0.00
Japan Spec	144.1	153.7	-3.1	0.00
Japan Sum	134.0	166.3	-2.8	0.00
First Europe	95.1	100.9p	-0.5	0.90
First Japan	107.5	114.9p	-2.1	0.60
First N Amer	37.9	40.2	-0.7	1.10
First Smlr Co	89.7	95.2p	-0.5	0.00
N Amer Spec	36.5	38.7p	-0.3	0.30
UK Growth	58.78	62.51	+0.09	5.20

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tst: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	150.5	159.7	-0.3	1.71
Smlr Co Acc	284.4	306.8p	-1.7	0.62
Do Inc	179.5	194.7p	-1.1	0.62
High Income	75.8	80.3	+0.4	5.22
Income	92.8	98.4p	+0.3	5.81
Man Portfl Inc	86.1	91.2	+2.6	4.21
Do Acc	146.3	155.0	+5.0	4.29
Nth American	42.0	44.8	-0.7	0.21
Orient	97.5	103.9p	+0.1	0.00
Exempt	265.5	280.1p	+3.6	2.30
Recovery	61.4	65.1c	+0.2	0.35
German	21.3	22.8p	-0.3	1.91
Int Recov	22.8	24.2p	-0.3	1.00
Europe	23.6	25.0p	-0.1	3.91
Conv General	24.5	25.8	..	7.09

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emerg Inc	58.9	62.5	..	2.00
Fellowship Inc	62.3	66.1p	..	2.00
General Inc 4	256.1	271.7	+0.9	3.00
Do Acc 4	417.7	443.2	+1.5	3.00
Income Fd 3	132.6	140.7p	+0.4	4.00
Do Acc 3	248.9	266.1p	+0.9	4.00
Int Inc 2	108.4	111.8	-0.7	3.00
Do Acc 2	143.1	151.2	-1.1	3.00
Smlr Inc 5	89.2	94.3	+0.1	1.79
Do Acc	96.7	102.3	+0.3	1.79

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	33.5	35.6s	+0.1	2.85
Income	42.4	45.1s	+0.3	4.31
Far East	29.3	30.1s	-0.4	0.21
Nth American	25.5	27.1s	-0.1	0.75
Global	42.3	45.0	-0.5	0.75
European	37.0	39.4	+0.8	1.36
Japan	87.8	93.4	-1.8	0.00
Strategic Opp	47.0	50.0	..	1.50
Do Acc	47.5	50.0	..	3.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE Tel: 01-588 0808

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	387.0	413.1e	+1.1	3.62
European S S	46.7	49.8	..	2.52
Far East S S	48.1	51.3	-0.3	2.44
Gold Gen S S	46.2	49.2	-0.6	2.56
Income	338.7	361.5e	+0.4	5.21
Int Sp Sits	45.1	48.1	-0.4	2.56
Nth Amer	215.0	229.5e	-3.2	2.09

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	144.25	..	..	4.75
Fixed Int	146.45	..	..	9.78
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.59

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	417.62	● ..	..	5.15
Acc	£12.0629	..	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	7.90

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street
EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 8822

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Reinvst	21.9	23.2e	..	..
Sc Special Sits	61.7	65.3c	..	0.42

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	17.6	18.7e	-0.3	0.28
Asia Gth	21.1	22.4	-0.3	0.80
Dragon Gth	20.8	22.1e	+0.1	1.93
Equity Hi Inc	56.5	60.3	+0.2	4.76
Do Acc	56.8	60.3	+0.2	4.78
European Gth	22.9	24.3	+0.1	1.66
Gen Equity	47.7	50.5	+0.1	2.93
G/F Inter Sit	32.9	34.7	-0.1	7.36
Gth & Fixed Inc	24.8	26.2e	+0.2	8.89
Int Income Tst	21.9	23.2e	-0.2	5.59
Japan Gth	46.7	49.5	-0.9	0.00
Special Sits	34.9	37.0	+0.3	1.91

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	52.6	56.0	+0.2	3.14
Acc	52.6	56.0	+0.2	3.14
Income Inc	54.8	58.3	+0.3	3.99
Do Acc	56.7	60.3	+0.2	3.99
Worldwide Inc	41.5	44.4	-0.3	0.67
Do Acc	41.8	44.7	-0.3	0.67
Gamma Inc	33.9	36.1	+0.1	1.23
Do Acc	34.0	36.2	+0.1	1.23
Amer Gth	47.6	50.9e	-0.4	1.11
Euro Gth	49.4	52.6	-0.3	1.32
Far East	62.6	66.6e	-1.0	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.5	50.3	-0.1	8.40
World Bond	47.0	49.7	-0.1	5.89
Private Inv Pt	47.5	50.0	..	3.50
Progres Inv Pt	47.5	50.0	..	2.25
Progres Inv Pt	47.5	50.0	..	1.50

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	94.9	101.2	-1.2	0.99
Canadian Gth	19.1	20.4	-0.2	..
European Tst	84.3	89.9e	-0.9	..
Growth Tst	258.9	276.2	..	3.10
High Income	307.4	327.9e	+2.2	4.97
Int Tech Tst	19.1	20.3	-1.1	..
Investment	25.7	27.4	..	..
Japanese Tst	234.7	250.3	-3.3	..
Main Int	25.8	27.5	..	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	47.1	50.7e	-0.5	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	34.0	36.4e	-1.9	1.30
International	45.5	49.0	-0.1	0.50
N Amer Gth	39.7	42.7e	-0.3	1.00
Pacific Gth	54.3	58.3e	-1.0	4.80
UK Gth Acc	85.9	70.9	+0.7	2.50
Do Dist	63.7	68.5	+0.7	0.50
UK Income	57.1	61.4	+0.2	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3492

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fd	54.0	57.4	-0.5	1.74
Capital Fd	124.4	132.1e	..	1.29
Convertible	24.7	26.2	..	7.54
Eurofund	21.5	22.8	-0.1	1.31
Growth & Inc	117.4	124.6	-0.5	3.78
High Div Fd	145.9	154.9e	+0.2	4.84
International	196.6	211.0	-0.8	1.07
Pacific Fd	21.2	22.5	+0.1	0.00
Resources Fd	21.3	22.6	..	0.00
Smlr Cos	98.2	104.2	..	..
Tokyo Fd	198.0	210.3	-1.9	0.00
Ex Amer 2	120.3	113.3e	..	2.02
Ex Japan 3	119.8	123.1	..	0.18
Ex Pacific 4	143.0	152.4	..	0.28
Ex Smlr Jap 4	264.3	271.6	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	84.7	89.9	+0.4	2.70
Do Acc	88.3	93.7	+0.4	2.69
UK Gth Acc	123.3	130.9e	+0.8	1.21
UK High Inc	92.9	98.6e	+0.2	4.44
N Amer Acc	59.0	62.6	-0.2	1.11
Far East Acc	117.5	125.3	-1.8	0.61
European Acc	64.7	68.9	-0.4	1.58
UK Gt/Fi Inc	57.6	61.3	+0.1	8.51
Do Acc	65.2	69.2	-0.1	7.51
Int Spec Sits	37.6	40.3	-0.4	1.88

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 56966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	114.5	121.9	..	1.55

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 437480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pension	90.9	96.6e	+0.3	3.31
High Income	94.1	100.2e	+0.6	4.79
Gt/Fd Inst	92.6	98.6	+0.2	7.07
Tst Of Inv Trs	82.6	87.9	+0.4	2.16
Spec Sits Tst	97.1	103.3	+0.4	2.65
Nth Amer Tst	51.5	54.8	-0.6	1.62
Far East Tst	116.1	123.6	-1.4	0.32
Int Growth	49.6	52.8	-0.4	1.78
European Tst	37.0	39.4	-0.2	1.90

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	173.2	184.2e	+0.5	3.37
Do Inc	143.8	152.9e	+0.4	3.37
Higher Inc Acc	320.2	340.6e	+0.5	4.48
Do Inc	242.2	257.6e	+0.4	4.48

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Far East Acc	206.2	219.3e	-3.1	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	122.1	129.8	+1.6	2.30
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Far East Fd	88.0	93.7	-1.1	0.00
Overseas Inc	54.2	57.7	-0.4	5.07
Fxd Interest	58.3	62.1	-0.1	9.18
Natural Res Fd	52.3	55.7	-0.4	2.16
European Inc	57.1	60.8	-0.3	2.51
Financials Fd	42.8	45.6	-0.2	2.75
Int Tech Fd	101.5	108.0	-1.2	0.65
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Inc Gth Acc	55.7	59.3	..	..
Do Inc	48.5	52.8	..	5.50
Serv Co Acc	66.3	70.6e	..	..
Do Inc	54.7	58.2	..	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	29.8	32.0	..	..
Do Inc	28.6	30.5	..	..
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Amer Spec Sit	34.2	36.6e	..	0.00
Australia	21.4	22.8	..	2.53
European	50.9	53.2	-0.5	..
European Inc	19.8	21.1	..	4.59
Global Conv	22.5	24.1	..	5.53
Far East Inc	38.1	40.6c	-0.1	3.82
Gt/Fxd Interest	28.6	29.9e	..	9.91
Growth & Inc	169.9	177.9	+0.6	5.22
Japan Spec Sit	72.7	77.8	-1.5	..
Japan	168.4	180.2	-1.3	..
Managed Int	120.5	128.2	-0.7	0.23
Sm & Fmous Co	101.2	107.4	+0.4	4.78
Famous Name	39.5	42.4	..	2.39
Select Inc	44.3	47.5	..	5.39
Spec Sit	241.9	259.5	+0.9	0.61
Eastern Opps	23.0	24.5	..	..
Intl Bond	23.2	24.7e	-0.1	8.05
Recovery	27.2	29.0e	-0.1	5.64
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Do Acc	162.4	171.4	-0.4	..
Amc. Turn Inc	180.8	190.6	-0.5	..
Do Acc	187.2	197.5	-0.5	1.00
Capital Inc	258.4	272.7e	+1.4	2.41
Do Acc	320.4	338.1e	+1.8	2.41
Conv/Gth Inc	163.3	169.0	+0.5	5.55
Do Acc	162.5	155.4c	+0.5	1.22
Extra Inc Inc	52.7	55.6c	+0.5	1.22
Do Acc	234.2	247.1	+0.3	4.78
Do Acc	264.1	278.7	+0.8	4.78
Financial Inc	41.2	43.5	+0.2	4.05
Do Inc	40.8	43.1e	-0.3	4.05
Income Tst	158.0	167.8c	+0.6	4.18
Do Acc	175.5	185.2c	+0.5	4.18
Int. Growth Inc	138.7	146.3	-1.1	..
Do Acc	154.0	162.5e	-1.1	..
Japan/Gen Inc	117.8	124.3	-1.1	..
Do Acc	119.8	125.5	-1.2	..
Managed Inc Fd	121.8	128.5e	+0.4	4.19
PEP 87	60.8	..	+0.3	2.24
PEP 88	52.0	54.8	+0.3	2.31
Recovery	172.1	181.6	-0.1	1.91
Smaller Inc	169.8	179.1	-0.1	1.91
Smaller Inc	53.4	56.3	+1.5	2.51
Do Acc	52.8	55.7	..	3.19

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Do Acc	393.5	417.2e	..	2.93
Euro Gth Dist	52.3	55.4	..	0.90
Do Acc	52.3	55.4	..	0.90
Fxd Interest Di	115.0	122.1e	..	9.21
Do Acc	150.1	159.4e	..	9.21
Int Gth Dist	52.7	55.9	..	1.34
Do Acc	52.7	55.9	..	1.34
Nth Amer Dist	104.6	110.9	..	2.33
Do Acc	106.4	112.8	..	2.33
Pac. Basin Dist	139.3	147.7	..	0.15
Do Acc	183.4	194.5	..	0.15
Steward Dist	231.5	245.3e	..	0.80
Do Acc	243.8	258.5e	..	0.80
Steward Inc Di	54.2	57.5e	..	3.36
Do Acc	57.0	60.4e	..	3.36
N Am Stwd Di	49.6	52.6	..	1.90
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Spec Sit	55.6	59.0e	+0.1	0.60
UK Cap Inc	125.6	134.0	+0.1	2.60
Do Acc	165.7	196.1	+0.2	2.60
Do Dig Scs	95.1	101.5	+0.3	2.60
Income Fd	95.1	101.5	..	6.20
Internacional	145.8	155.2	-0.5	0.50
US & General	41.8	44.5e	-0.2	1.00
Japan & Gen	52.8	56.2e	-0.6	0.00
Far East Inc	126.1	134.2	-0.2	0.30
European Fd	207.0	220.3	-0.9	0.10
Germany Fd	48.6	52.0	-0.3	1.80
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Australian	16.5	17.6e	-0.2	0.82
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Do Dist	59.3	63.1	-1.1	2.18
Dwell Uk Gth	23.1	25.3	-0.2	0.17
Commd Share	64.0	68.1	-0.8	1.59
European	41.7	44.8	-0.3	1.33
Extra Income	59.6	64.0e	-0.7	6.23
Far East Tst	129.5	137.4	-1.5	1.59
Fxd Interest	30.1	32.3e	+0.3	7.27
Fromer Mkts	23.3	24.8e	-0.2	0.80
Global Fd	154.1	165.5	-1.4	1.24
Do Inc	144.2	154.9e	-1.3	1.24
Gold Share	14.7	15.6	-0.1	1.79
Hedged Amer	29.9	31.8	-0.2	0.90
High Income	30.5	32.8e	+0.1	5.06
Hong Kong	129.5	137.4	-1.5	1.59
Income Acc	99.4	106.6	+0.7	3.99
Int F/Interest	23.5	25.1	-0.1	7.29
Japan Tst	129.4	138.8	-4.6	0.00
Man Expt	141.2	151.5e	+0.3	2.06
Oil & Energy	42.5	45.1	..	2.06
Spec Sit	102.2	108.6	-1.0	0.83
UK Sm Co Rec	99.9	107.2	-1.0	0.93

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Gartmore (Kennedy Opportunities) Ltd Management Ltd				
Glob Recon	67.4	71.9e	+0.2	4.20
Pacific Gth	44.9	47.9	-0.2	0.83
Propt Inv Inc	63.2	67.4	..	2.22
Do Acc	118.2	126.1	-0.1	2.22
Worldw Recov	82.9	87.5	-0.5	0.91
Selected Opportunities Tsts				
American	26.3	28.0	-0.1	0.26
Europetin	52.1	55.4	-0.6	0.92
International	107.9	115.1	-1.0	0.88
Japan	71.8	76.5e	-1.9	0.00
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American Gth	55.3	58.8	..	1.23
American Inc	56.5	60.1	..	5.27
European Gth	44.9	48.0e	..	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	44.7	47.8	..	0.72
Japan Gth	87.8	71.4e	..	..
Pacific Inc	79.6	84.8	..	3.49
Pacific Strat	40.6	43.4	..	0.41
UK Prog Inc	70.0	74.6	..	4.70
UK Spec Opps	134.8	144.1	..	1.41
Gt Britain	36.2	38.7e	..	3.38
UK Smll Co	35.1	37.3e	..	0.97

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	119.0	123.7	..	9.02
Gth Equity	240.2	256.3e	+0.3	1.11
Guaranty	317.3	339.8	+0.3	3.06
Income Tst	94.20	99.75	+0.06	5.26
Int Tst	108.9	115.3	-1.2	0.42
N American	114.8	121.3e	-0.6	1.19
Pacific	283.1	276.5e	-3.1	0.00
Prop Share	357.8	378.7	+1.5	0.00
Smaller Co	279.9	296.3e	+0.8	1.78
European Tst	222.7	235.7	..	1.30

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TECHNOLOGY

The breath-test 'dipstick'

A new type of bio-sensor, which can give instant readouts of alcohol levels in the bloodstream, could make such things as drink-driving tests much simpler. NICK NUTTALL looks at the possibilities

A detection device no bigger than a fountain pen which could revolutionize the way police do drink-drive tests and brewers and spirit manufacturers monitor fermentation and quality control is being developed by scientists at Newcastle University and ICI's Northwich Diagnostic Division amid the tightest commercial security.

Called a bio-sensor, the chemical dipstick can almost instantaneously give an untrained user a digital-watch-style readout of ethenal concentrations in undiluted blood, scrapping the need for expensive, complicated and time-consuming analysis at a specialised laboratory.

The technology invented by three scientists led by Dr Pankaj Vadgama, Newcastle's principal research associate in clinical biochemistry,could also improve the quality of life for people suffering diseases such as diabetes.

It should be able to give them an accurate test of their blood sugar levels ensuring insulin injections are taken only when necessary and at the best possible time.

Though the concept and basic science of bio-sensing is not new, the scientists appear to be cracking the problem of accuracy which occur when such devices are used to test for the high concentations of alcohol or glucose which can occur in blood.

And, though the research and design of the Britsh bio-sensor is being shrouded in secrecy to protect it from predatory competitors, ICI's recently filed European patent application number 216577 gives some idea of how his is being done.

At the heart of any bio-sensor is a permeable mebraine which selects the substance to be analysed allowing it to pass inside to an area of enzyme.This chemical catalyst — in the case of alcohol, alcohol oxidase — causes a fast reaction between the ethenal and oxygen



The present system: a superior system on the way?

producing hydrogen peroxide.

This can be picked up by an electrode and the resulting current passed on to a digital display screen.

At low concentrations, the quantities produced neatly match the amounts of alcohol present but at higher concentrations, the relationship falls down.

Some researchers have attempted to tackle the problem by tinkering with the catalysts chemistry or by constructing complex electronics.

Instead, the Newcastle scientists have devised a much sophisticated membrane clever enough to fool the enzyme into believing the outside concentrations are much lower than they really are.

This latter design feature is the crux of the Newcastle's membrane's success, ensuring the enzyme does not become saturated.

By only permitting, say one per cent of the alcohol present, the method still works and through simple calibration in the sensor can be multiplied by 100 giving the true blood alcohol level reading.

At ICI's diagnostics division, researchers are working out how best to apply the technology but a spokesman said they expected to produce two versions.

One, for continuous monitoring systems such as fermentation processes and another for one off testings having a disposal membrane to protect against infection

"Clearly, if you are out to measure blood-alcohol levels, it is best you do just that. Alcohol in the breath only gives you an indication, it can never be the same," said an ICI official.

"What the judicial system will decide is what an appropriate use of our device remains to be seen. In the early periods, results will probably need confirmation and the individual for his defence would need to continue to have a blind sample analysed."

He admitted that on its initial introduction there might be some resistance to a device that requires police taking a pin prick of blood which is put in contact with the sensor's end.

But he added: "There are a number of precedents for techniques being used like this without medical supervision.

"Many people take capillary blood samples every day of their lives for such things as monitoring their blood glucose."

PERSPECTIVE

Log-jam that will grow worse, but can be cured

Software production today consumes more than £3 billion worth of resources in Britain. In Europe, the figure is £16 billion and worldwide, a massive £75 billion.

By the year 1995 that may become £192 billion, consuming 24 million man-years of resource annually.

Projections of technical developments over the next decade suggest that we are still at a relatively early stage of the exploitation of the electronic possibilities for improving the power of systems. That capacity will far out-strip our ability to create and develop systems. Some consequences are already evident, and will, in time, become more severe. The first of these is a massive shortage of skilled resource. The efforts currently being made are in no way able to meet the escalation of demand. This will increase the already large hidden backlog with adverse effects on economic performance.

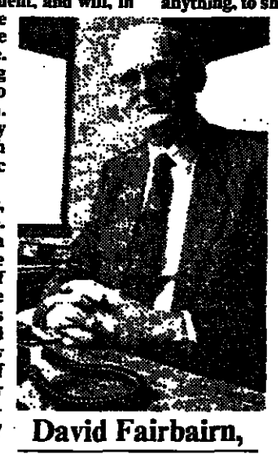
Even more critical however, is the qualitative consequence. We must expect to see a further exaggeration of the existing distortion in favour of fragmented systems. The pressing demand from users will cause a continuing rapid rate of introduction of new systems. The difficulty of integrating these will however cause continuing fragmentation and a lack of consistency and coherence.

If we loook at the current expenditure of effort on systems development, we can see very clearly, the bias introduced into the process by the sheer difficulty of the task. If we examine the impact of programming effort, it becomes evident that cost factors will cause us to make the greatest use we can of widely available utilities, moving from them to packaged solutions and only reluctantly to more comprehensively tailored systems, or finally to fully devleoped bespoke systems which have a high cost of development.

There is a widespread acceptance that the long-term objective is to create enterprise wide systems, but this has proved exceptionally difficult. The prospect of fully integrated management information systems which was held out in the 1970s has proved impossible to achieve.

Because of the extreme difficulties of undertaking comprehensive analysis at this level, we see a massive distortion in favour of the more constricted and specific systems. We need to understand that the log jam with which we are faced is as much qualitative as it is quantitative. The main thrust of reducing programming cost and time has led, particularly in the 1980s, to the widespread introduction of fourth-generation languages and an array of techniques which enable a degree of flexibility to be maintained without the high cost of bespoke programming.

For many, this appeared to be the ultimate solution. What, however, rapidly became apparent was that programming is only one of the dimensions concerned. The consequence of introducing fourth-generation language is, if anything, to shift the burden of effort and work to the analysis stages. There is a rising perception of what may be achieved with so-called CASE tools, which provide us with computer-aided software engineering methods. The main characteristics of this are the use of computer-aided design, the provision of a map of the data used within an organization and the furnishing of a navigational chart of the processes.



David Fairbairn, above, looks at a development for which demand is out-stripping technical progress

The CAD techniques, though sometimes regarded as cosmetic, are far from that. By providing a screen-based approach to development with heavy use of diagrams, usually mouse driven, they enable an understanding of the data and processes being analysed which can only be achieved by more conventional measures with extreme difficulty.

It is not difficult to understand that it would be impossible today to design highly complex products such as an aero engine, without the use of diagrammatic techniques.

We need to understand that the systems that now being created for information purposes are of the same order of complexity and difficulty and require comparable techniques.

There can no longer be any doubt as to the practicability of an automated solution within which computer-aided software engineering may be effectively practiced.

In the absence of such developments, our software log jam can only grow worse and increasingly damage our prospects for economic advance. But there can be little doubt that the solutions now lie within our grasp.

● *The author is managing director of James Martin Associates UK, which specializes in software tools*

Software rental boom unlikely

By Matthew May

Software firms now believe they have a good chance of getting a controversial clause in new copyright legislation amended that at the moment would allow computer programs to be let for hire in the same way as video films.

The Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill is a lengthy document with more than 280 clauses covering intellectual property rights, patents and copyright in all areas.But it is one clause which, as it stands, will give buyers of computer software the right to rent and let programs a year after their release that is causing the industry concern.

After a parliamentary debate at the end of last month, where the Bill was given an unopposed second reading, it moves to committee where each clause will be examined and any changes included. In the debate the Trade and Industry minister, Kenneth Clarke, said the Government may not have got the balance quite right over software.

Unlike the viewing of most video films, customers for computer programs are likely to want to use them repeatedly and the fear is that enforced rental could become a cheap method for the renters to take unofficial copies in the same way as home-taping produces millions of unofficial copies of bestselling record albums.

Though software can be protected to make copying difficult, it is becoming increasingly unfashionable because of the problems it can cause genuine customers.Software sold for personal computers often has so-called "shrinkwrap agreements" with them, which are included in the packaging of the products and include warnings of legal action should the buyer be caught copying or renting out the program to others.

Some however argue that these "agreements" have never been really tested in court and might not be upheld. The copyright bill will give protection but only for a year.

The software producers say that length of time is not enough to recoup development costs. Bob Hay, president of the Federation Against Software Theft, has described the clause as a pirates' paradise.

He estimates that it could cost the industry £50 million a year. Critics of the clause say that the Government has failed to realise the crucial differences between software and other areas such as video films.

The fear is that piracy could take off like it has in Italy where there is no specific law to prohibit copying. Given the number of PCs there, the amount of software sold is between one third and a half the quantity that would be expected in countries with tougher laws.

While anyone wanting to rent out software would have to pay software firms a royalty, there are provisions in the Bill for a right of appeal if a company is seen as pitching its licensing fees at such a high level as deliberately to prevent rental.Software firms would like to see the clause scrapped completely in relation to computer programs. The likely compromise is that software will be protected for several years, not the planned 12 months.

EVENTS

■ **Life Science Technologies,** Tuesday until Thursday, Wembley, London, (01-868 4466)

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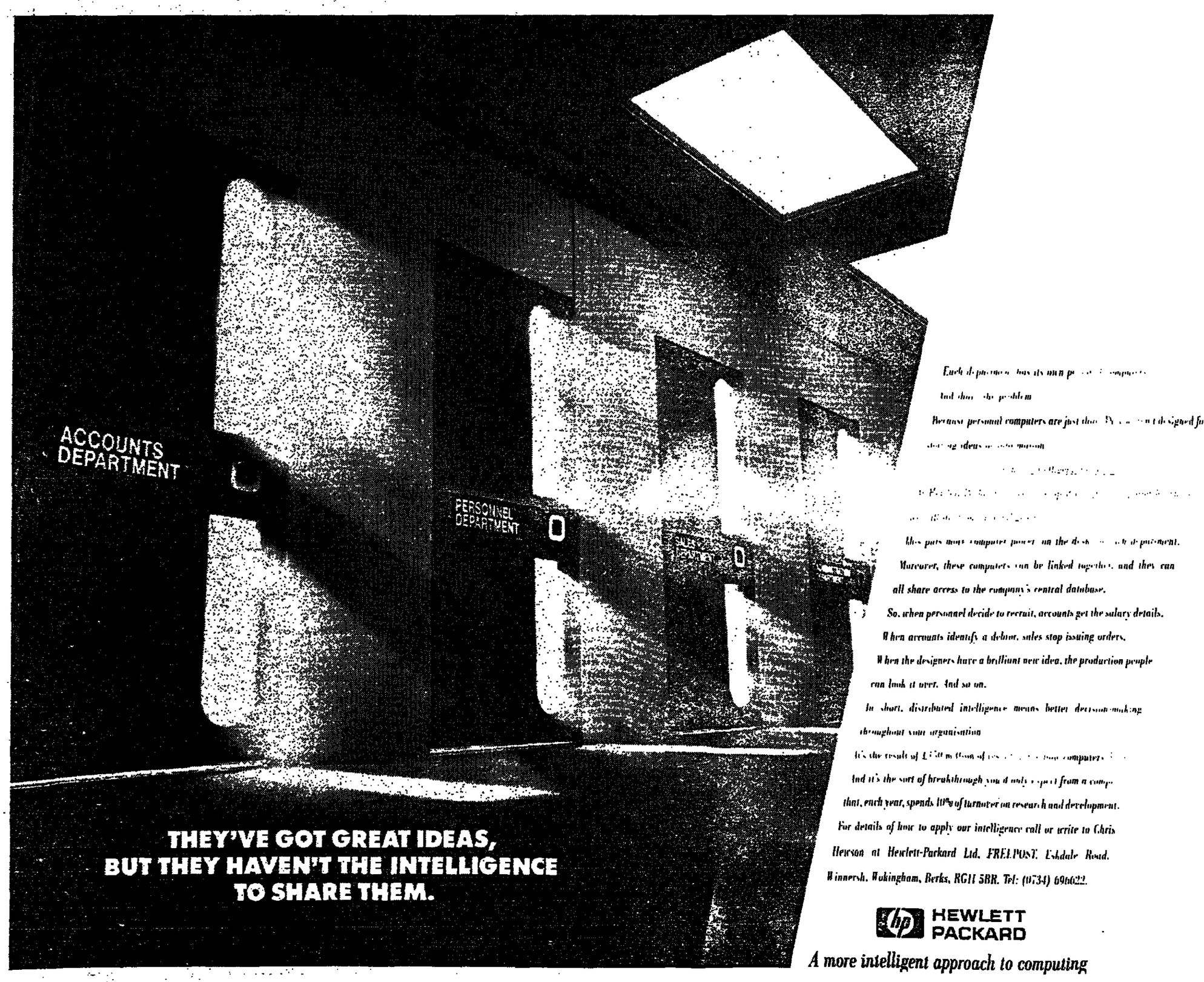
■ **Technology in Tourism and Leisure,** May 17-19, Business Design Centre, Islington, London.

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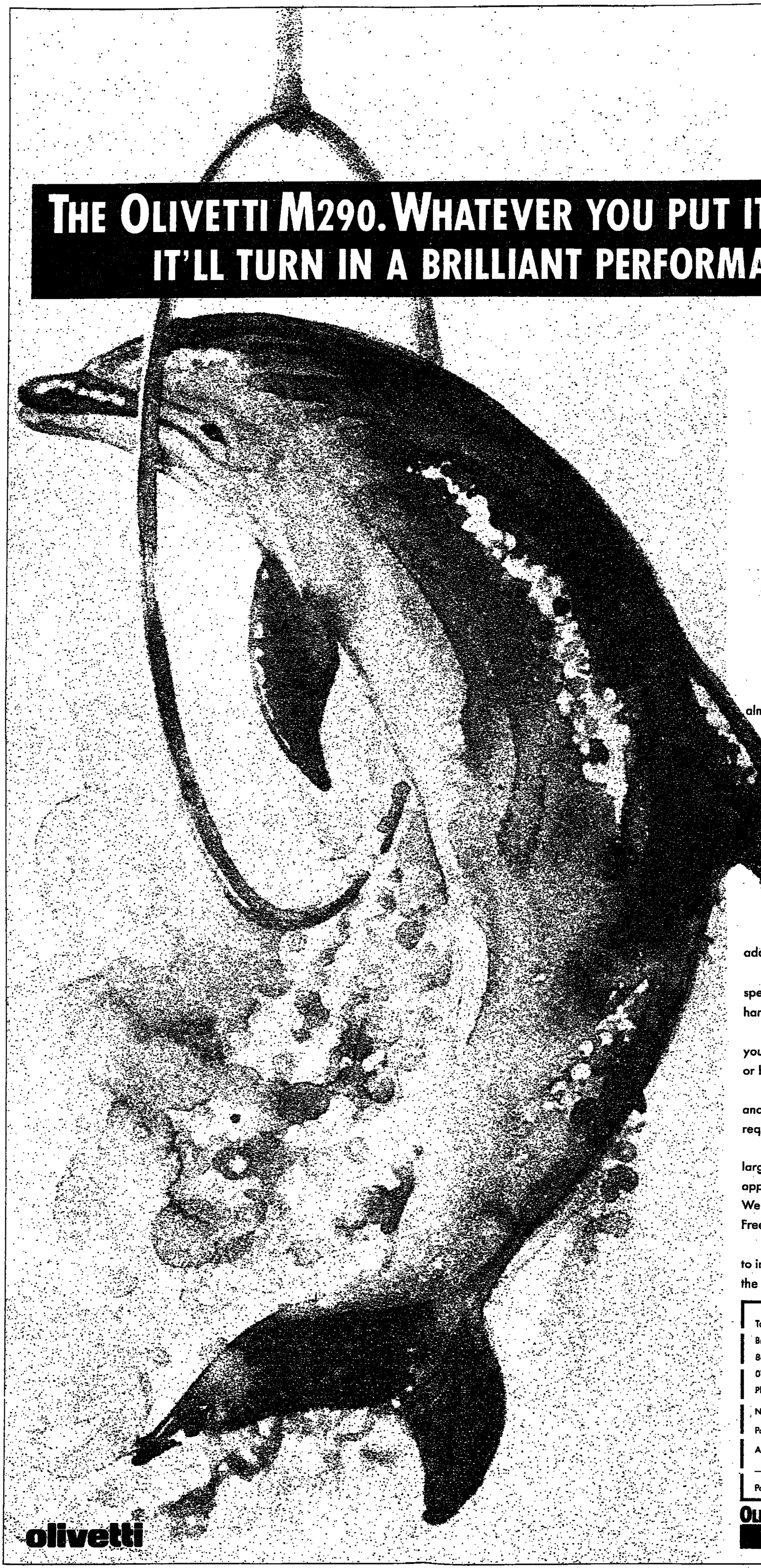
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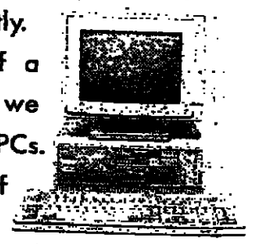
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TECHNOLOGY

Racing take-off for £5,000 prize

This is the third week of *The Times*/Digital Schneider competition taking aviation as its theme and offering the opportunity of winning holidays valued at £5,000.

The prizes are three holiday vouchers for £1,000 and one prize of £2,000 that can be used to take the winners to a destination of their choice.

The winner of the top prize will be selected from the four weekly winners during the weekend of the Digital Schneider Trophy ace which takes place on Bank Holiday Monday May 30.

This year's event marks the 75th anniversary of the first Schneider Trophy event, held in 1913. So far the entries include a Russian-built Yak fighter and a Second World War Kittyhawk.

This week, and next, we continue to publish random entries from a spotter's log, as clues to the four questions we shall be posing.

WHAT YOU DO:

● Research the answers to each of the questions, and add your results together to form a numerical solution. For example, if you think the answer to Question 3 is 15 then add this number to the total to give your solution.

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On Sunday, between 8am and 7pm, call 021 400 1314, which is *The Times*/Digital Schneider hotline.

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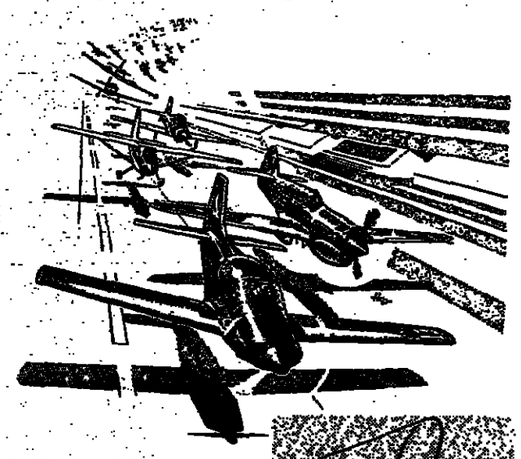
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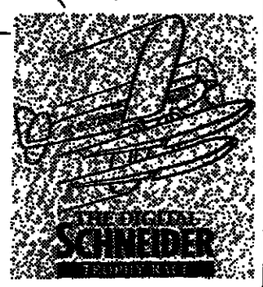
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Answer this question in no more than 15 words. What in your opinion, did the pioneers of aviation have in common with the pioneers of the early days of computing.

Last week's solutions:

Q1: 1933, Q2: 1936, Q3: 1935, Q4: 1935.





Added together these answers gave a total numerical solution of 7739.

The winner is Jean Alexander of Hampstead, London.



First winner

The winner of our first week's competiton was Brian Maidment, a civil servant who lives in Bath and works for the Ministry of Defence.

Aviation is his big interest; not only does he attend many air shows, but he writes articles on aviation history for the specialist press.

● His winning tie-breaking sentence was: *A successful bench test of a turbo jet by Whittle — the seed of all modern aviation.*

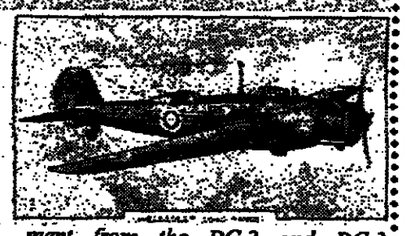
SPOTTER'S LOG

● *The three Wellesleys have arrived in Australia after their record breaking flight. The development of Britain's long range bomber fleet will get a great boost from the adventure.*

● *More squadrons are being equipped with the Avro Anson, which will strengthen the coastal reconnaissance arm of the RAF.*

● *British Airways took delivery of the first of their Lockheed Electras this week. The all metal machine can cruise at over 170 mph.*

● *The new Boeing bomber is now flying and clearly shows its development from the DC-2 and DC-3 airliners.*





Question 1: *In which year did the three Vickers Wellesleys of the RAF make their record-breaking flight from Egypt to Australia?*

Question 2: *"Faithful Annie", the Avro Anson, had a type number. What was it?*

Question 3: *What was the type number of the Lockheed Electra?*

Question 4: *While the famous Flying Fortress was known as the B17, what number was the DC-3 bomber development given?*

Scanners can cut NHS costs

By Brian Collett

The National Health Service could actually economize by buying the newest high-technology scanners for its hospitals, even though the machines can cost more than £1 million a time.

This is the conclusion of a study by Professor George du Boulay at London's National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, regarded as the leading neurological unit in the world.

Professor du Boulay, who is Professor Emeritus of Neuroradiology at London University, began his study amid widespread claims that better health care is always dearer to provide.

He says: "The whole point is that everything has not got so much more expensive. I was quite riveted to find that so many things had got so much cheaper."

Specifically, his interim report says: "The introduction of scanners has made diagnosis cheaper, not more expensive."

Professor du Boulay has drawn up a table of 1973 costs, multiplied by four to reflect inflation, for conventional and specialized X-ray examinations for six brain conditions, and a parallel table giving the 1987 costs of equivalent investigations using modern methods, including scanners.

Big savings are achieved by cutting the number of days patients have to stay in hospital for investigations. Professor du Boulay also explains that actual costs are usually at the upper end of the range given for the 1973 investigations but at the lower end for those in 1987.

The updated figures for the 1973 examination of a patient thought to have a cerebral tumour are in the range of £712-£1,064. The 1987 figures are £120-£915. The patient would have spent two or three days in hospital for the 1973 tests, but today would need no more than two days and might even be dealt with as an outpatient.



Diagnosis made cheaper: The professor's patient goes into a magnetic resonance scanner

One deciding factor in 1973 was an angiogram, a procedure in which a fluid is injected to highlight the blood vessels of the brain and create a better X-ray picture. The patient had to be admitted to hospital for this. Today the use of scanners for an equivalent examination rules out the need for admission.

A patient suspected of having multiple sclerosis in 1973 would have cost between £96 and £1,064 at 1987 prices to investigate, with possibly up to three days in hospital. The present cost is £300 and the patient would not need to be admitted.

One particularly striking reduction is in the cost of investigating dementia, the loss of mental powers that often has a physical cause. The 1973 updated cost is £648-£1,264, with two, three or even four days in hospital. Today's cost is £120-£300, without a hospital admission.

The daily cost of a hospital bed in use is £200, and Professor du Boulay calculates that a computerized tomography X-ray scanner, costing about £400,000, would pay for itself in a year just by keeping every one of its annual throughput of 2,500 patients out of hospital for one day.

He is now calculating how quickly a magnetic resonance scanner, which uses a magnet and radio frequency waves to create an image, would cover its £1 million cost by keeping patients out of hospital.

Two other advantages he cites are that both types of scanner offer a better diagnosis and their use is much less unpleasant than some earlier examinations.

For example, scanners have made obsolete the pneumoencephalogram examination, in which air is introduced ito the brain to produce a clearer X-ray picture. This technique caused intense pain for at least 24 hours and necessitated hospital care.

Professor du Boulay is due to look soon at the economics of using scanners for spinal examinations. He expects the savings to be even more dramatic, partly because orthopaedic specialists as well as neurologists use scanners for spinal diagnoses.

Professor du Boulay will package all his findings in a paper for publication in a medical journal to convince the NHS that it needs to invest in more scanners.

His interim report concludes: "The data suggest that every hospital should review the cost-effectiveness of its investigative techniques and that these arguments provide a strong case for expenditure on high-technology equipment.

"The absence of risk and need for anaesthesia in many cases shortens the time required in hospital. This is a large factor in cost-saving, but can only be operative when there is enough equipment to avoid unnecessary waiting."

The report follows a recent visit by the Princess of Wales to the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases to open a new radiology department and unveil the hospital's second computerized tomography scanner.

The hospital, of which the Princess is patron, has two scanners of each type and is asking the NHS for a third magnetic resonance imager.

Attack on quality

Poor quality computer software is costing British businesses more than £500 million a year, according to a Government-sponsored study published last week.

Carried out for the Department of Trade and Industry by Price Waterhouse, the accountants, the study says that many companies developing computer software have failed to recognise the importance of systematically building quality into their products.

Both users and suppliers of the software are suffering, according to the report. It cites low productivity, project overruns, data errors and poor maintainability of software products as the symptoms of the attitude to quality.

The software suppliers themselves are estimated to spend £200 million a year in modifying their development work on software projects because of the dissatisfaction of their customers.

If software suppliers are to maintain their competitive position, they must invest in methods which specifically introduce quality into their products "even though the short term benefits of this investment might be seen as accruing to the user", say the report's authors.

The pressure to do better must therefore come from the users, they conclude.

Last year, the committee of external advisers to the DTI which recommended that the software quality study be carried out expressed concern over the number of overlapping quality standards for computer software.

Is there anyone there?

The United States is quietly planning to launch what officials say will be the world's most sophisticated search for intelligent life beyond Earth, *writes Robert Kearns.*

Scientists at NASA plan to use a new super analytical computer to pick up signals from any distant civilization and resolve the age-old question of who, if anyone, shares the universe with earthlings.

In another phase of the 10-year project, they plan to transmit radio signals to every star which can be detected in the universe, in the hope of getting a reply.

What makes the space agency think it can solve this age-old question is the invention of a super analytical computer that can sort data at unprecedented speed.

It is about the size of a big filing cabinet. But its working "brain" is an advanced fingernail-sized computer chip, only eight millimeters square, that equals 34,000 transistors.

Using this analyser performing at the rate of 10 billion operations a second, faster than any supercomputer, NASA plans a comprehensive search of a "quiet" band of the electromagnetic spectrum hoping to pick up signals from any distant civilisation.

The theory is that any intelligent life would also notice this relatively quiet end of the spectrum and beam in on these frequencies.

The plan is to place black boxes — the first one will cost some £6.5 million, the rest about £500.00 each — at key radio astronomy dishes throughout the world.

By 1992, a second multi-channel spectrum analyser able to scan 10 million radio frequencies simultaneously to find signal patterns will be in operation in Puerto Rico.

Lynn Griffiths, NASA program manager for the project, described the 30 members of what NASA officially calls "The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI)" project team of scientists, programmers and analysts as true believers.

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TECHNOLOGY

Artificial intelligence skills may become standard in software

One way to get smart

By Pat Sweet



Fairly soon programmers may find themselves commonly using artificial intelligence techniques. Until now most expert systems, which seek to encapsulate an expert's knowledge in a set of rules which a computer can interpret, have been confined to research projects.

Such commercial applications as have appeared tend to fall into two categories: small systems using standard software "shells", and larger systems requiring specialist hardware and programming languages such as Lisp or Prolog.

But now software companies such as the US-based AI Corp are starting to exploit expert-systems technology as a part of standard software programs which will run on existing hardware and work with existing computer programs.

Programmers with experience of languages like Lisp, which is commonly used for expert systems, are a scarce commodity and companies are reluctant to retrain programming staff in esoteric languages, said Phyllis Swersky, AI Corp's executive vice-president.

AI Corp was founded in 1975 to develop artificial-intelligence software to run on IBM mainframes. Its most successful offering so far has been Intellect, a natural language system designed to help business people access information using ordinary English.

About 500 sites worldwide use Intellect and European customers include British Airways, British Gas, the Shell Group, Midland Bank and Tesco Stores.

Now the company is developing KBMS (Knowledge Based Management System), a program designed to capture essential skills from business managers.

Protection against loss of expertise when staff leave

AI Corp is working on the product in collaboration with four American corporations.

Mrs Swersky believes that by using expert systems technology it is possible to spread specialist business knowledge more widely and protect companies against a loss of expertise if key staff leave or retire.

It is also claimed to make decision making more consistent, since the computer does not panic or forget, while the programs themselves are easier to maintain.

One of the insurance companies in the consortium, for instance, is developing a computer program to tackle its underwriting procedures so that it standardizes on the best level of expertise possible.

The computer can check a proposal against all the rules in seconds and implement a search of relevant databases if necessary, for example looking up past traffic violations if a motor-insurance policy is under consideration.

Mrs Swersky said: "I believe it will soon be as natural for programmers to know about expert systems programming as databases. Take a pricing module for a company with a lot of products and complex pricing discounts. To write that in Cobol is a tough task and if you do write it and the policy then changes, the software can't be maintained with any flexibility."

In an expert systems program, programmers would need simply to change a few of the rules.

Mrs Swersky estimates that there are about 40,000 potential customers worldwide. The company has bought out its original UK distributor and set up a new subsidiary, in Bracknell, which is recruiting staff, including knowledge-based systems engineers.

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JOBSCENE

Backroom boys can clear the jams

By Caroline Berman



Dennis Keys: "Use fourth-generation languages"

Electronic point of sale systems (epos), have made the queues in supermarkets move faster but have also created a lot of backroom jobs as the mass of sales data needs to be processed into useful management information.

Knowledge of the retail business seems to be one of the most useful qualifications for moving into this area.

Bejam, for example, is training shop managers to work on its epos systems. The company is only just starting to install it in 265 freezer food stores. Fifteen are due to be operating by July. Epos is already in all the 52 Victor Value stores, also owned by Bejam.

The company's ambitious plans have meant a growth in the information services department from three to 75 people in just 18 months and it is still expanding.

Bejam is building up a large database of management information on its central IBM computer, which is fed by the data on the ICL epos network. It is looking for about 10 people across the range of business, analysis and operations areas.

Knowledge of the retail business is one of the most important things that Dennis Keys, Bejam's director of information services, looks for in his recruits.

He said: "We can always train people in data processing skills. But the skills needed for implementing the epos systems are closely related to the user's needs.

"Our analyst programmers are just programmers, but for project managers, a background in the retail business is important.

"We steer away from pure programmers because we use fourth-generation languages which do away with the requirement for pure Cobol programmers, and generate code for us."

He is looking for analysts/programmers who need a two-year background in programming, preferably retail, and a knowledge of the analytical side of the business. They are paid up to £22,000, although more can be paid for exceptional candidates.

Epos systems have affected the work of management at all levels throughout the company, as information gleaned from the data it provides is used for stock control, sales and marketing data.

If there are epos check-outs in a store, there is a back office micro, analysing the data on site. This can analyse customer flow by the half-hour, so calculating the staff required in the shop.

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A guide to career opportunities

The right backing



Beryl Dixon looks at the training required to help a lot of people live a more comfortable life

Eighty per cent of the population of western society experiences some back pain by the age of 50. Sooner or later many back-pain sufferers decide to try "alternative therapies" and consult either an osteopath or chiropractor.

Alternative therapy is not a term either profession likes. "Alternative to what?" asks one chiropractor. "Complementary therapy" is a preferred term. Nor does either like the image of the "back doctor."

True, backache accounts for about half of their work-load, but headaches, arthritis, gastro-intestinal problems, sports injuries, whiplash injuries caused by road accidents — even dropped arches and sometimes common complaints such as dysmenhorrea, hypertension and asthma, if it is felt that bodily mechanical faults are aggravating the condition — are all treated.

There is much over-lap between the work of the two professions, which makes definitions difficult. Both treat disorders of the musculo-skeletal system, or in layman's language, mechanical faults in the body's framework. "Mechanical" is an oft-used term.

Both use non-invasive techniques; largely manipulation, although this does not mean that neither chiropractors nor osteopaths believe in the value of medication or surgery as treatment in appropriate cases. Both use palpation or touch to make adiagnosis.

What then is the difference? I consulted both associations for clarification. The General Council and Register of Osteopaths said: "They are similar therapies. "Osteopaths, by and large, look at musculo-skeletal disorders and their effect on the rest of the body; use x-rays if necessary and deep massage more than rapid manipulation. Chiropractors go more for the seat of the pain itself."

The British Chiropractic Association's Careers Office had a list ready. An official said: "They are very similar. The differences are largely in practical technique. Chiropractors use direct adjustment of specific vertebrae and make adjustments in a given direction; osteopaths use less specific techniques, placing more emphasis on massage and soft tissue technique.

"Chiropractors use X-rays five times more often then osteopaths. It's probably fair to say that both have misconceptions regarding what the other does."

Patients are found "largely by word of mouth," said Dr Christensen of the Anglo-European School of Chiropractic in Bournemouth; and, said Colonel Blaker of the General Council of Osteopaths, "often by recommendation — but we are always willing to supply a list of members."

Both say, however, that the number of direct referrals from GPs who are interested in alternative therapies is increasing. On a first visit, patients often expect physical treatment straight away; but chiropractors and osteopaths are trained to treat the "whole" person.

First comes a detailed case history, delving into the patients' family medical history as well as their own; then, observation of how the patient sits, stands and walks. Only then comes a physical examination and possibly, X-rays, blood tests and urine analysis.

If there are no contra indications, treatment starts. If there are, properly trained practitioners refer patients elsewhere. As most people know, complementary medicine and therapy are outside the National Health Service. Practitioners are self-employed, treating patients privately. Anyone may set up in practice, but there are two professional associations to regulate standards. Though there are shorter ones, both associations approve particular training courses.

There are three such courses in the country in osteopathy and just one in chiropractic. All four are four-year diploma courses, and are seeking approval from the Council for National Academic Awards to become degree courses. In the case of chiropractic, approval has been granted and the course could become a degree course this September. With osteopathy, it may be only a matter of time.

Students need the same A-level subjects as for medical school — science passes, for example — and follow a training pattern common to most professions related to medicine: medical and applied scientific theory, leading to increased treatment of patients under supervision.

Jonathan, a final-year student at the chiropratice college in Bournemouth, explained what happens when he sees a patient. "I spend two hours getting to know the patient," he said, "taking a detailed case history and forming a diagnosis. At this point, my tutor comes in and checks my findings. Then I have to write the case notes, research and propose a treatment plan and discuss it with my tutor, before I see the patient again."

Osteopathy students, too, are given their own list of patients from the third year of training, and undertake not less than 1,000 hours of clinical training during their course.

What skills do prospective students need? Obvious qualities are a genuine interest in health, in science and, given the length of time they spend with each patient, an ability to listen. Manual dexterity, naturally, is a priority.

Alternative therapies are outside the NHS, so students may encounter difficulties in financing their training. Grants are at the discretion of local education authorities, whose policies vary.

Generally, student osteopaths find grants easier to obtain than do chiropractitioners, although the position is improving. A few scholarships are available, and some of the leading banks make special loan arrangements.

On qualifying, both chiropractitioners and osteopaths may set up on their own, but given the need for further experience and the financial outlay involved (a couch alone can cost £7,000, in addition to the cost of premises and other equipment), a post as assistant to an established practitioner is more usual.

Ultimately, the prospects are good in both professions. There is no unemployment: rather, given the increasing interest from the general public, an actual shortage of practitioners, particularly if they are prepared to move from the South East where there is the largest concentration of practices.

● *Further information: the General Council and Register of Osteopaths, 21 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG; British Chiropractic Association Careers Officer, 48 Kedleston Road, Derby DE3 1GW*

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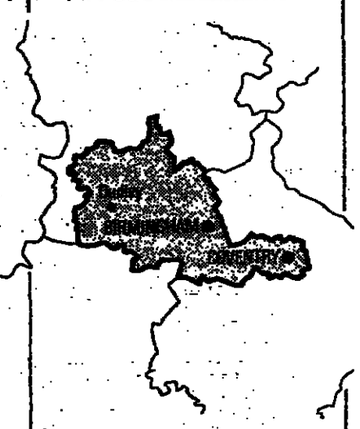
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Timing drivers' work and rest periods

Kelly v Shulman

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment May 6]

The term "day" in article 6(1) of EEC Regulation 3820/85 meant successive periods of 24 hours beginning with the driver's resumption of driving after his last weekly rest period. Every driver had to have a weekly rest period, as defined in article 8, once in every week, that is, in the period between midnight on Sunday and midnight on the following Sunday.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Patrick Joseph Kelly from his conviction by Bradford Justices of driving when he had not had 45 consecutive hours off after six daily driving periods.

EEC Regulation 3820/85 provides by article 6: "1 The driving period between any two daily rest periods or between a daily rest period and a weekly rest period, ... called 'daily driving period' shall not exceed nine hours:

"A driver must, after no more than six daily driving periods, take a weekly rest period ... [which] may be postponed until the end of the sixth day if the total driving time over the six days does not exceed the maximum corresponding to six daily driving periods."

Article 8 provides: "1 In each period of 24 hours, the driver shall have a daily rest period of at least 11 consecutive hours, which may be reduced to a minimum of nine consecutive hours not more than three times in any one week, on condition that an equivalent period of rest be granted as compensation before the end of the following week ...

"3 In the course of each week one of the rest periods ... shall be extended by way of weekly rest, to a total of 45 consecutive hours. This rest period may be reduced ... [but] each reduction shall be compensated by an equivalent rest taken en bloc before the end of the third week following the week in question.

"4 A weekly rest period which begins in one week and continues into the following week may be attached to either of these weeks."

Mr Paul Worsley for Mr Kelly; Mr Andrew Woolman for the prosecutor.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON, delivering the judgment of the court, said the problems to which this case gave rise had not previously been considered by the courts and this case was regarded as a test case.

It seemed to his Lordship that the key to understanding the interaction between articles 6 and 8 was to appreciate that, whereas restrictions on daily driving were expressed in terms of the maximum length of driving periods between daily rests, the requirements as to daily rests were expressed in terms of minimum daily rest periods in 24 hours.

Mr Kelly began the particular sequence of work and rest periods on Sunday January 4, 1987 at 15.15. From then until 13.00 on Saturday January 10 he worked and rested but all of the rest periods were of less than 24 hours' duration.

Mr Kelly was charged with driving a lorry so that he did not have 45 consecutive hours off after six daily driving periods.

The magistrates concluded that "day" in the regulations meant any 24-hour period commencing at midnight. It followed, if they were correct, that the first day of the period ended at 24.00 on that Sunday; and the sixth day at 24.00 on Friday 9.

They found that Mr Kelly's sixth daily driving period ended on January 10 at 00.50 and that he thereupon became obliged to take a minimum rest period. Accordingly they held that by resuming work and driving at 08.45 on January 10 he broke his rest period.

His Lordship considered that the magistrates were wrong and that a day was any period of 24 hours beginning with the resumption of driving after the last weekly rest period.

The magistrates had justified their conclusion by reference to the definition of "week" in article 1 [defined as the period between 00.00 on Monday and 24.00 on Sunday], but his Lordship found no support for their view in that definition.

The fact the regulations were dealing with an activity which proceeded by day and night militated in favour of a rolling day construction, that is, any successive 24-hour period beginning when the driver resumed driving after a weekly rest period.

The decisive consideration in his Lordship reaching his conclusion, was to be found in the words in article 6(1) "if the total driving time over the six days does not exceed the maximum corresponding to six daily driving periods".

The qualification to the basic restriction was contemplating a situation when six daily driving periods had taken place in less than six days, and was defining circumstances in which the weekly rest period could be postponed to the end of the sixth day. What possible logic was there in such a provision?

His Lordship's conclusions could be summarized as follows:

1 The term "day" in article 6(1) meant successive periods of 24 hours beginning with the driver's resumption of driving after his last weekly rest period.

2 Every driver had to have a weekly rest period, as defined in article 8, once in every week, that is, in the period between midnight on Sunday and midnight the following Sunday.

3 In certain circumstances the weekly rest period fell to be taken earlier. Thus:

(a) any driver who, in the course of six consecutive driving periods since his last weekly rest had driven in the aggregate not less than the maximum number of hours permitted by the regulations in six such periods had to begin a weekly rest immediately on the conclusion of the sixth period; but

(b) any such driver who in those six driving periods had driven for an aggregate of less than the maximum number of hours permitted by the regulations could postpone the commencement of his weekly rest period until th end of the sixth day and drive during the period of postponement provided he did not by so doing increase the aggregate of the hours driven since his last weekly rest to a figure exceeding the maximum number of hours permitted by the regulations in six consecutive daily driving periods.

Solicitors: Ford & Warren, Leeds; Shulmans, Leeds.

EEC law no bar to deportation order

Regina v Secretary of State for Home Affairs, Ex parte Tombofa

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment April 21]

The protection of EEC law was not available to a citizen of Nigeria on the ground of his marriage to a national of a member state so as to enable him to have a deportation order made against him quashed.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Edward Tombofa, from the decision of Mr Justice Simon Brown in proceedings for judicial review in November 1987 refusing to prevent his deportation from the United Kingdom.

The court further upheld the decision of the judge declining to refer to the Court of Justice of the European Communities the question of whether the applicant should be entitled to rely on the provisions of the EEC Treaty and the Council's Directive 64/221/EEC in resisting the order for his deportation.

Mr Philip Engelman for the applicant; Mr Philip Vallance for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the applicant had arrived in the United Kingdom from Nigeria in 1979 and was allowed to settle here. In 1984 he was convicted of attempted armed robbery.

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The basis of the applicant's case was that the deportation order should be revoked because his marriage to an EEC national overnight entitled him to the protection of EEC law. He thus relied on Directive 64/221, concerning the free movement of workers in the Community, to protect himself from deportation by virtue of his being the spouse of a British citizen who resided and worked in the UK.

But the first, and what might be thought fatal, objection to that claim was the wording of articles 1 and 2 of the Directive that gave protection to the spouse of a national of a member state "who resides in or travels to another member state of the Community either in order to pursue an activity as an employed or self-employed person, or as a recipient of services". The applicant had failed to make out a case that his wife came within those words.

Moreover, the judge had been correct to accept the secretary of state's argument that in any event the European legislation could apply only to cases that had some link with the Community. That principle was clearly stated in the decision of the European Court of Justice in *Morson v State of The Netherlands* (Cases 35/82 and 36/82) ([1982] ECR 3723, 3736) that "the Treaty provisions on freedom of movement for workers and the rules adopted to implement them cannot be applied to cases which have no factor linking them with any of the situations governed by Community law". That principle was well-founded and was applicable to this appeal.

The case was *a fortiori* with that of *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Ahmad Aradi* ([1987] Imm A R 359) — a decision correctly made by Mr Justice Webster in the Divisional Court.

Accordingly, the appeal should be dismissed as should the application for referral of the matter to the European Court under article 177 of the EEC Treaty (Cmnd 5179-II).

The warning against making a referral stated by Lord Diplock in *Garland v British Rail Engineering Ltd* ([1982] 2 AC 751, 772) in cases where the answer was "too obvious and inevitable to be capable of giving rise to what could properly be regarded as 'a question' within the meaning of article 177" was to be applied.

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A vision of pie in the sky

SPORT AND TELEVISION

IN THE '90s

Five big events, all live, all happening at once on your TV screen: that is the scenario for 1993. The recent bid by British Satellite Broadcasting for football rights presaged a new era in armchair spectating. Peter Ball, in the first of three previews of the shape of things to come, says the potential for sports-watchers in this revolutionary world is staggering



The image of sport goes forth and multiplies: for the big stars of the small screen, the vision of the future is bright

The vision is seductive. Bored with Liverpool against Coventry on BBC1? Press the button on your remote control console and you can watch the Italian Cup semi-final: Sampdoria v AC Milan. Another flick, and motor racing from Lisbon fills the screen. On again, and ITV brings you Harlequins against Leicester, the RFU Cup final direct from Twickenham.

The final round of the US Masters is slightly more complicated, requiring you to get up and push a card into the slot on top of your set, signifying that you will pay to view before the transmission is decoded by the computer inside your set. That done, five big events, all live, all in your living room in the course of Sunday afternoon, are available.

Leaving aside the question of why anyone in his right mind would choose to watch an Italian football match in preference to Liverpool, or even Wimbledon, the potential for sport-watchers in the new free enterprise television world ahead is staggering.

It may take more than five years for the above scenario to be realized, and there are undoubtedly a few hurdles ahead, but there is no doubt that the bid by British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) for the football rights last week heralded a new era in sports television, as well as offering football a new meaning of pie in the sky.

If content is changing dramatically, so will style of presentation, although to what extent is a matter of lively debate among the experts. BBC style, and indeed BBC technology, has come under heavy fire from some quarters.

Having been European leaders, possibly world leaders for many years, the British, it is now generally felt, have fallen behind. American football and, humiliatingly, the Australian coverage of cricket are revealing new dimensions that point the way ahead.

"I think the BBC has to take a lot of criticism," Francis Barron, of the satellite all-sport channel, Screensport, said. "Its coverage hasn't changed in five or 10 years, it isn't using technical advances and it takes conservatism to its limits."

"BBC technology isn't exactly the state of the art," Derek Brandon, of Cheerleader Productions, a constant critic of BBC coverage and producer of several leading Channel 4 sports programmes, including American football, said.

Brandon and Barron agree that the use of more cameras, new angles and much greater information, especially statistics, will be the pattern in five years' time. Brandon selecting tennis as one of the weakest points in the BBC approach.

Brandon's criticisms, which include the need for younger commentators, are accepted to some extent by more establishment figures, including the head of ITV sport, John Bromley, but he points out: "It's all about money. Channel 9 coverage of cricket made the BBC blush. I'm sure they have the talent to do it themselves but you've got to have the money as well. Packer just threw a bundle of money at the problem.

"Rugby could be improved a bit. But increased competition will be very beneficial to the viewer. When the boys are competing it means everybody's thinking. In tennis there is no competition, so the BBC coverage is competent but very traditional."

That will change. By the notional date of 1993, there will be three satellite or cable channels devoted entirely or largely to sport, with at least one more maintaining sports scheduling in its mix. Alongside them will be the established networks.

ITV (deregulation and new franchises permitting) and BBC1 are intending to maintain their high profile in covering the big sporting events, market forces permitting. BBC2 and Channel 4 also have to be considered and there is the possibility of further competition from a new Channel 5.

It will be very competitive in the market-place, with satellites and established networks between them ensuring that the viewer at home will be able to see all the main sport from Europe and America to a far greater degree than at present.

Some changes are beginning to happen. For those linked to cable, the specialist channel, Screensport, and to a lesser extent the two general channels, Sky and Super, are already offering the serious sports follower a wider service than he has enjoyed before.

Saturation coverage, which the BBC manages only for Test matches, Wimbledon and the Open Championship, and ITV struggles to manage at all, can confidently be expected to extend over a host of events worldwide when the three sports channels, Screensport, Eurosport and BSB's Now, are in operation.

In the face of this challenge, the main networks will be forced to respond. They are already doing so. ITV has recently changed its approach, buying athletics and gymnastics and competing strongly for rugby in the search for a more upmarket audience to satisfy its advertisers.

For some of the time coverage by the satellite stations will be complementary, offering the live early rounds of a network-transmitted final, or second and possibly even third showings of big events first shown live.

There will also be changes in the traditional structure. "We'll see football matches played for television only, or games pulled out of the fixture list and played on Monday night or Thursday night. There's nothing to stop Liverpool v Manchester United being moved to Monday night if they come up with enough money for it," Mike Murphy, of the leading independent producers, TSL (Television Sport and Leisure), said. "And then the network can show a recording of it at 11 p.m."

That suggestion is unlikely to appeal to Bromley, whose new philosophy has led him to dismiss recorded highlights as a thing of the past. Paul Docherty, head of sport at Granada, profoundly disagrees, still finding a place and an audience for a regional "big match" in his scheduling, while such a trend-setter as Brandon argues that a revamped package would be hugely successful, believing that recorded highlights will continue to have their place firmly in the Nineties' sports coverage.

But what else can we look forward to? BSB intends to include a sports *News at Ten*, with results, action clips and a comprehensive news service. It also hopes to show personality profiles, star interviews, chat shows and well-researched investigative documentaries. "We will do what popular newspapers do for sport at the moment and television fails to tackle," Bob Hunter, the managing director of BSB's Now channel, said.

Following Brandon's suggestion, the American sports packages of recorded highlights of baseball, basketball and ice hockey will also undoubtedly become a staple diet for the satellite channels, especially through the night.

Alan Pascoe believes that educational sports films will play a part but Murphy fears that late-night fillers will be the only slots open to traditional minority sports as commercial pressures force even the BBC to cut back its public service commitment.

Such star sports as snooker and darts may also find themselves squeezed as audience profiles play an increasingly important role in programming, while the openings for new popular successes will expand. Volleyball, handball and cycling, all popular in Europe, have their advocates while Brandon has a sneaking feeling for pelota.

TOMORROW

The men behind the revolution

RACING

Derby contenders escape as illness hits Hern stable

Dick Hern, quoted as low as 6-4 to train the winner of the Ever Ready Derby at Epsom next month, yesterday revealed that several of his string are running temperatures.

The West Ilsley trainer has the first three in the Derby betting in some lists — Unfuwain, Emmson and Charmer — but none of these has been affected. "In view of the fact that there are several fancied runners for the Derby in my stable," Hern said, "I think it is only fair to the general public to let them know that a certain number of horses in my yard are running temperatures. So far none of the Derby probables are affected and the condition does not to appear to be serious."

Emmson, backed substantially over the past few days, makes his seasonal reappearance in the Mecca-Dante Stakes at York tomorrow. A fourth possible from the stable, Minster Son, is due to contest the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood next week.

Graham Sharpe, of bookmakers William Hill, said: "It would be an over-reaction to change our Derby betting at the moment, but if the situation were to worsen we would take another look at it."

Unfuwain, successful in last week's Dalham Chester Vase, is currently 5-2 favourite for the Derby, with Emmson 8-1 and Charmer 12-1.

Half A Year, unbeaten in his three races last season including the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot, after which he fractured a cannon bone, is one of seven four-day declarations for the £40,000-added Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury on Friday.

His trainer, Luca Cumani, has also entered Media Starguest, the winner of the Earl Of Sefton Stakes at the Newmarket Craven Meeting, and a powerful acceptance is completed by Broken Hearted, Patriarch, Prince Rupert, Wazjib and the sole three-year-old Lapierre.

Jack Berry, whose two-year-olds have been in tremendous form this season, has his eyes on Royal Ascot following the victory of Almost Blue in the Strawberry Hill Stakes at Pontefract yesterday.

"He'll go for the Coventry Stakes," Berry said, "but before that he'll probably run in a conditions race at Ripon next week. At 22,000 guineas this was the most expensive yearling I have bought."

Berry was also on the mark with another juvenile, Wasn't Me, in the Tamworth Selling Stakes at Wolverhampton, where Henry Cecil, who has made a somewhat faltering start to the season, saddled newcomer Bespoken to beat the even-money favourite Lustre in the Watling Street EBF Fillies' Stakes.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Pharaoah's Laen. 6.30 Whiskey Eyes. 7.0 Guessing. 7.30 Joist. 8.0 Ride High. 8.30 Gods Fox.

Going: good to firm

6.0 GREENS NORTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£685: 3m 96yd) (18 runners)

2 F001 PHAROAH'S LAEN 5 (S) M Pipe 7-12-2 (7ex) P Scudamore
3 0041 MASTER MUCK 13 (G) N Twiston Davies 5-11-13 (7ex) G Bradley
4 0003 ISLAND PEARL 19 (G) W Kemp 8-11-10 Mr S McKeever (7)
5 0043 GRECIAN BUST 12 P Hobbs 5-11-8 D Hood (7)
6 F024 CYGNETS BEST 12 T Casey 5-11-4 R Dunwoody
7 0P0P BEYNOLDS CHOICE 22 S Christian 7-11-3 J Osborne
10 3227 DEL MAR 3 N Thack 9-11-3 R Hyett
11 0003 WATERGLASS 22 S Harris 5-11-3 C Cox
13 0-UP THE LORDS TAVERNER 14 J Gifford 8-10-13 R Rowe
14 0F00 RAPAGAIN 22 K Bailey 9-10-13 P Croucher
15 0001 EL CITO 12 (F) N Mitchell 11-10-13 (7ex) Mrs R Vickery
16 0004 PHALIES FOLLY 5 F Sheridan 6-10-11 P Dever
18 0063 CHANCE BUY 38 C Nash 5-10-6 M Bosley
19 0PF0 PORTWAY ANNA 35 M Scudamore 9-10-5 M Perrett
20 09P0 STEVE'S BOY 129 R Curtis 8-10-4 R Goldstein
21 0PUP GANZORATE 4 (B) D Gandolfo 6-10-3 I Shoesmark (4)
22 0F0P BENNY'S EYES 18 J Harris 6-10-1 J A Harris
24 0-04 CAN'T DISCLOSE 14 (V) S Dow 7-10-1 R Guest

9-4 Pharoah's Laen, 5-2 El Cito, 9-2 Master Muck, 9-1 Cygnets Best, 10-1 Waterglass, 12-1 Del Mar, 14-1 others.

6.30 FILGRAVE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1 44-4 WHISKEY EYES 46 (F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-3 P Scudamore
2 0043 AUTUMN ZULU 38 (S) Miss L Bower 9-11-1 R Rowell
4 0400 GREENORE PRIDE 17 (CD,G,S) P Burgoyne 11-10-8 G McCourt
9 4433 MAITREDEE 11 (F,S) R Gow 9-10-0 R Rowe
12 P000 BE MY LUCK 5 (F,G) R Hodges 7-10-0 S Earle

13-8 Whiskey Eyes, 9-4 Maitredee, 5-2 Autumn Zulu, 8-1 Greenore Pride, 25-1 Be My Luck.

7.0 SLAPTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,242: 2m 5f 26yd) (11)

6 12MU CELTIC FLORA 179 (F,S) G Balding 7-11-10 J Frost
8 4221 GUESSING 11 (B,F) P Mitchell 5-11-9 (7ex) Mr D Bonneywanch (7)
10 00P2 NOBLE VIKING 27 (B,F) M Pipe 5-11-6 P Scudamore
11 -P00 PALA CHIEF 15 (F) T Casey 5-11-4 R Dunwoody
12 124- SCATTERBUCK 544 (F) M Bradstock 7-11-3 Miss S Lawrence
14 0443 MISTER HAMMY 19 C Bravery 8-10-9 H Davies
16 0000 MANDOWN LAD 12 (F) P Hobbs 7-10-0 C Warren
17 0680 ROONERS 8 (F) W G M Turner 8-10-0 W Irvine (7)
19 0000 CAROGROVE 22 J Bulgrass 5-10-0 R Strange
21 0004 FREERACER 8 (F) S Harris 6-10-0 C Cox
23 -040 MAIDIGA 4 (F) M Barraclough 9-10-0 Tamya Davis (4)

5-2 Noble Viking, 7-2 Guessing, 9-2 Mister Hammy, 7-1 Scatterbuck, 10-1 Celtic Flora, 11-1 Freeracer, 12-1 Maidiga.

7.30 POTTERSBURY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,088: 3m 190yd) (13)

2 4000 TOPHATTER 8 (G) R Hodges 8-11-10 B Powell
3 0323 FAST ESCAPE 14 (F) J Gifford 7-11-9 R Rowe
4 0211 REDGRAVE ROSE 8 (F,G,S) K Bishop 8-11-7 (7ex) S Earle
5 0F3P PELION 8 (G,S) J King 8-11-6 S Smith Eccles
6 3F02 JOIST 8 (B,F) M Pipe 8-11-5 P Scudamore
7 1409 MAGIC 8 (S) J Wharton 7-11-3 S O'Neill
10 FU33 COMPETITIVE BID 37 (S) P Hobbs 6-10-10 Peter Hobbs
11 -PP0 LIGHT SONG 12 (F) J Webber 9-10-10 M Jenkins
12 030P MARITA ANN 27 (B) J Webber 7-10-9 G Mernagh
13 2FPP MR PINKERTON 48 N Gaselee 9-10-8
14 0000 LE KINGDOM 22 M Wilkinson 7-10-0 C Llewellyn
15 P003 BACHELOR OF LAW 11 Mrs W Fullerton 7-10-0 G Old
16 0P30 JON PIPER 8 B Morgan 10-10-0 D Straw

3-1 Redgrave Rose, 100-30 Competitive Bid, 4-1 Joist, 13-2 Fast Escape, 7-1 Marita Ann, 10-1 Topnatter, 14-1 Magic.

8.0 WOOD BURCOTE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,088: 2m 50yd) (9)

2 2030 POLAR GLEN 19 R Hodges 7-11-10 W Irvine (7)
3 2634 FIB 12 (B,F) T Greathead 6-11-7 Mr L Lay (7)
4 0F4F CELTIC CRACKLE 8 (F) P Cundell 8-11-6 R Strange
5 0220 RANDOM TRAVELLER 14 (B) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3 M Pitman
6 0001 RIDE HIGH 4 (F) T Casey 10-11-7 (7ex) R Dunwoody
7 F412 TORS 8 (V) B Morgan 7-10-12 D Shaw
9 0400 POETS DAY 8 (S) Mrs S Oliver 8-10-11 R Hyett
10 400P TO ASTERI 8 (G) Miss J Horwood 7-10-10 M Jones (7)
11 PP0F RUSTICA SILK 19 (B) J King 7-10-10 D Tegg (4)

9-4 Random Traveller, 7-2 Ride High, 5-1 Tors, 7-1 Polar Glen, Fib, 12-1 Poets Day, 14-1 Crackle Moor.

8.30 WHITTLEBURY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,053: 2m) (15)

1 1000 DICK KNIGHT 8 (S) K Ivory 7-12-1 P Manning (4)
2 4640 GODS FOX 8 (D,G,S) N Mitchell 6-12-1 B Powell
4 4134 ELEGANT ISLE 11 (BF,G) M Pipe 4-11-10 P Scudamore
5 2042 HIGHLAND BOUNTY 12 (G) S Dow 4-11-10 R Guest
7 0-PF CEDAR RUN 24 P Cundell 5-11-5 R Strange
10 020P GARA STAR 180 D Murray-Smith 6-11-5 P Croucher
12 0-P GROVETON 25 C Grant-Ives 5-11-5 M Bosley
15 P6P CLEANDISH 41 R Curtis 6-11-5 R Goldstein
19 PP SECOND MORTGAGE 8 R Hoad 7-11-5 M Furlong
20 0330 SPEAKERS CORNER 41 M Wilkinson 5-11-5 C Llewellyn
22 THE UPSTART 586 A Hicks 6-11-5 H Davies
25 00 BAMBINELLA 25 Mrs S Lamyman 8-11-0 D Telfer (7)
26 CASCADING 211 F W Paris 5-11-0 R Rowe
28 0 GOLDFIELDS 12 Mrs T Cuthbert 4-11-0 Gee Armytage
30 0PP- PANIC 24 Mrs H Mobley 5-11-0 R Bellamy (7)

7-4 Elegant Isle, 9-4 Gods Fox, 3-1 Speakers Corner, 7-1 Highland Bounty, 16-1 Gara Star, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: S Christian, 13 winners from 49 runners, 26.5%; J King, 5 from 28, 17.9%; G Balding, 7 from 52, 13.5%; T Casey, 8 from 60, 13.3%; J Gifford, 10 from 77, 13.0%; Mrs J Pitman, 5 from 44, 11.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Croucher, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; M Jenkins, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Scudamore, 8 from 48, 16.7%; B Powell, 4 from 30, 13.3%; S Smith Eccles, 5 from 38, 13.2%; R Dunwoody, 11 from 89, 12.4%.

Yesterday's results

Wolverhampton

Going: good

2.30 (5f) 1, TEE WALL (M Wigham, 33-1); 2, Rose Of High Legh (Dana Mellor, 6-2 fav); 3, Pansong (S Whitworth, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dolar Rosa (6th), 13-2 Mr Toyboy (5th), 10 Deep Shadow, 12 Nice Catch, 16 Birmingham's Glory, Doctor's Remedy, Nickle Joe, 20 Miss Colonca, 25 Breezy Sailor (4th), 33 Break The Mould, Darktown Strutter. 14 ran. 4l, 2l, nk, ¾l, sh hd. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £71.10; £15.90, £1.80, £7.20. DF: £204.40. CSF: £101.90.

3.0 (5f) 1, WASN'T ME (R Cochrane, 4-6 fav); 2, Sing Jazz (T Quinn, 4-1); 3, Sunnyside John (Julie Bowker, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Earthy Note (5th), 12 Psalin (4th), 20 Spoilt Rotten (6th), 6 ran. ¾l, 7l, 2l, 3l, 8l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.71. No bid.

3.30 (1m) 1, TRYNEPTUNE (C Rutter, 25-1); 2, Rising Daisy (B Raymond, 9-2); 3, Park Street (Pat Eddery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Main Objective (4th), 8 Viking Venture, 9 Passion King, 11 Ballad Dancer, Raise Yourself (5th), 25 Old Dutch Holborn, 33-1 Awn (6th), 50 Shanghai Bowler, 11 ran. NR: Sharp Order, Chic-Anita. ½l, sh hd, hd, 2½l, 3l, B Morgan at Burton on Trent. Tote: £268.00; £10.80, £1.60, £3.80. DF: £158.60. CSF: £126.03. Tricast: £1,315.34.

4.0 (1m 1f) 1, BESPOKEN (S Cauthen, 7-1); 2, Lustre (G Starkey, Evens fav); 3, Azziell (W Ryan, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Housefull, 5 Chadenshe (6th), 25 Chalkhill Blue, 33 Council Rock (4th), Escape Path, Prezioza (5th), 50 Rossinante, Almstingo. 11 ran. 1l, 1½l, 1¼l, 2l, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £8.20; £1.70, £1.10, £4.20. DF: £8.00. CSF: £14.19.

4.30 (7f) 1, GLORY GOLD (M Wigham, 13-2); 2, Young Jason (S Cauthen, 11-2 jt-fav); 3, Dark Rosaan (J Carter, 25-1); 4, Tarange (G Bardwell, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Edgewise, 6 Rosecourt (5th), 14 Stelby, Swallow Bay (6th), 16 Blistering, Sonbere, Twiller, 33 Lime Brook, Cream And Green, P J Kelly, Fox Path, Hot Gem, Gem Of Gold. 17 ran. 1½l, 2l, 1½l, ¾l, nk. M Brittain at Warthill. Tote: £6.70; £1.90, £1.10, £4.10, £4.60. DF: £9.90. CSF: £35.32. Tricast: £744.81.

5.0 (1m 4f) 1, TANCRED WALK (P Cook, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, Lullaby Baby (M Fitzgerald, 20-1); 3, Plan Of Attack (R Lappin, 25-1); 4, Jalsamahan (T Lang, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Explosive (5th), 7 Star Of Ireland, 8 Cabot, 12 Avgerou, Ocean Lad (5th), 14 Toscana, 20 Royal Native, 25 Eloquence,

5.0 (2m hdle) 1, Clever Folly (P Tuck, 7-2); 2, Man O'Magic (7-4 fav); 3, Royal Effigy (33-1). 9 ran. NR: Ruckley. ¾l, 6l. G Richards. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £13.00. CSF: £10.05. Tricast: £156.00. Placepot: £16.80

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Lyon Coeur, Marie Baby, Marscom, 33 Jack London, Fair, Laena, Burning Bright, Moffat Lad, Princess Jenny, Angles Video, Grand Celebration. 23 ran. 2½l, nk, sh hd, 2½l, ½l. C Jackson at Malvern. Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £12.00, £9.30, £4.10. DF: £143.60. CSF: £83.28. Tricast: £1,827.73.

Placepot: £55.10

Southwell

Going: soft (with heavy patches)

2.30 (2m 74yd ch) 1, Big Ash (M Dwyer, 4-6 fav); 2, Jay-Zee Boy (8-1); 3, Jody's Boy (11-2). 7 ran. 3l, 2½l, Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £6.60. CSF: £7.34.

3.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Golden Asset (P Niven, 5-2); 2, Spring Cottage (25-1); 3, Taffys Pride (9-4 fav). 13 ran. NR: Prince Tobique, Proptus. 1l, 1½l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £3.50; £1.30 £11.20, £1.40. DF: £107.50. CSF: £59.81.

3.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Peutetim (J White, 11-4); 2, Handy Trick (8-11 fav); 3, Ballymilan (33-1). 7 ran. 30l, 12l. N Henderson. Tote: £3.80; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.30.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, Lasting Hope (M Bowlby, 14-1); 2, Reezamdbethankful (5-2); 3, Johnny Sharp (10-1). Fountainscourt 9-4 fav, 13 ran. NR: Sailors Pride, Father Paddy, Get On Geraghty. 3l, 5l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £31.40; £7.90, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £89.60. CSF: £53.02. Tricast: £386.37.

4.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Red Columbia (J D Doyle, 20-1); 2, Dock Brief (13-2); 3, Edged Gold (9-1). Onyx Minor 5-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Spartan Native. 4l, 15l. W G Marin. Tote: £22.00; £5.80, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £109.30. CSF: £136.24.

5.0 (2m hdle) 1, Almost Blue (J Carroll, 11-8 fav); 2, Singing Star (9-1); 3, Bella Rossa (7-2). 10 ran. NR: Rowdy Sl, 2l. J Berry. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £6.20. CSF: £13.58.

3.15 (1m 2f) 1, Fetchams Park (M Roberts, 5-2 fav); 2, Town Meeting (7-2); 3, Tina's Beauty (7-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 6l. D Morley. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £3.90. CSF: £12.40.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, Patrick James (S Morris, 6-1); 2, Ny Over (13-2); 3, Our Julie (16-1). Mufodi 7-4 fav. 13 ran. 1l, 6l. F Carr. Tote: £7.80; £2.20, £1.80, £5.90. DF: £18.80. CSF: £44.97. Sold C Tinkler snr, 6,000gns.

4.15 (6f) 1, Geraiswin (M Roberts, 6-1); 2, Gods Solution (8-1); 3, Breakfast In Bed (7-1). Olympic Challenger 9-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Ridgeduct. 1¼l, ½l. Denys Smith. Tote: £7.60; £1.50, £2.50, £3.00. DF: £18.40. CSF: £41.46. Tricast: £242.54.

4.45 (2m 1f 24yd) 1, Running Money (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Green Archer (3-1); 3, Eurocon (2-1 fav). 10 ran. ¾l, 1l. Capt J Wilson. Tote: £6.60; £1.80, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £19.70. CSF: £24.34. Tricast: £45.66.

5.15 (1m) 1, San Domenico (G Carter, 5-1); 2, Tadbir (9-4); 3, High Bailiff (5-4 fav). 15 ran. NR: Krypton Knight. 3l, 3l. G Wragg. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £13.00. CSF: £17.02.

5.45 (5f) 1, Kalbeast (S Wood, 16-1); 2, Amigo Sobrio (6-1); 3, Batchworth Heather (15-1). 14 ran. ¾l, sh hd. D Chapman. Sanyati Lad 3-1 fav. Tote: £21.40; £6.10, £1.80, £5.70. DF: £9.20. CSF: £101.84. Tricast: £1,404.95.

8.15 (1m) 1, Foreign Survivor (W Newnes, 4-1); 2, Forest Flame (10-1); 3, Magic Dawn (16-1). 16 ran. 1½l, 1l. G Douieb. Asbash 11-4 fav. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £3.00, £5.40. DF: £11.20. CSF: £42.32.

Placepot: £28.60.

STUDENT SPORT

Building the road to São Paulo

The vision of the British Students Sports Federation (BSSF), coupled with the enthusiasm of the city of Sheffield, convinced the international governing body for student sport (FISI), of which Dr Primo Nebiolo is the president, that the South Yorkshire city had the pedigree to stage the 1991 Student Games (Yuri Matischen writes).

Much is being done in Sheffield to ensure success but before 1991, São Paulo, Brazil, plays host to the 1989 Games.

To show the commitment of Britain and Sheffield, the BSSF is aiming to send a team of 200 to compete in 10 sports, including athletics, basketball, diving, gymnastics, judo, football swimming, tennis, volleyball, and water polo.

The cost, including a modest preparation programme, is in the region of £250,000 and the federation is to launch various long-term sponsorship packages with the help of the Keith Prowse agency. An approach to the Sports Council has also been made and it is hoped that the draw of the Sheffield games will provide justification for substantial support.

A sponsorship deal has already been effected with STA Travel, a world student travel organization, and the increasing support shown for students by several governing bodies of sport who see the games as a stepping-stone to the Olympics is a further encouragement.

At this stage, however, nothing is certain. Athletes of the calibre of Jonathan Ridgeon, the 110 metres hurdles world silver medal winner, and Jamie Henderson, junior 100 metres champion of Europe, may well have to make substantial personal contributions for the right to represent Britain in São Paulo

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0 to 7 0, 55 overs

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Gloucestershire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Essex.
LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Derbyshire.
DARLINGTON: Minor Counties v Northamptonshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Glamorgan.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Middlesex.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Scotland.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

Tour match

11.30 to 5 30 or 6.0

HOVE: Sussex v West Indians

FOOTBALL

FRIENDLY MATCH: West Ham v Dinamo Zagreb
ALLY ROBERTSON TESTIMONIAL: West Bromwich v Wolverhampton.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Wigan v Darlington (7.0).
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Charlton v Fulham (2.0)
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Reselection play-off, first leg: Petersfield v Hertford (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: County match: Middlesex v Warwickshire (at Harrow Kodak, 2.30).
BOXING: British light-heavyweight championship: Tony Wilson v Brian Schumacher (at Tottenham Baths).

SPORT ON TV

GOLF: BBC2 6 p.m.: Pro-celebrity tournament for the Whyte and Mackay Scotch Trophy from the Turnberry Hotel.
RACING: C4 2.30 p.m.: 2.35, 3 05, 3 40 and 4.10 races from York.
SUMO WRESTLING: C4 6 p.m.: Repeat showing of the Basho.
BRASS TACKS: BBC2 8.30 p.m.: As the football authorities seek an end to England's club ban in Europe, an examination of what has been done to cure the hooligan problem.
CHALLENGE TO SPORT: C4 6.45-7 p.m.: Judo.

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By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following a particularly encouraging workout on the gallops at Manton on Saturday, SPARROW'S AIR is napped to retain her unbeaten record in the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York today.

While her trainer Barry Hills has won this particular Oaks trial three times he has still to win the Epsom fillies' classic itself, although he has had runners finish second and third.

However, confidence behind Sparrow's Air is such that the master of Manton is saying openly that he believes that the Robert Sangster-owned filly represents his best chance of laying that particular ghost.

Being by Assert out of a half-sister to Meadow Court, Sparrow's Air certainly boasts a pedigree that would not look out of place in that hallowed winner's circle at Epsom.

As a two-year-old she also showed she possessed the speed which invariably goes hand in glove with classic success. After winning first time out at Leicester, she beat Luca Cumani's highly-rated filly New Trends to win the Radley Stakes on soft ground at Newbury.

Just how good a performance that was can be measured by the fact that New Trends had already beaten Dabaweyaa first time out at Ascot. Through that result there is a loose form line, but a line all the same, which indicates Sparrow's Air has the ability to beat the 1,000 Guineas third Diminuendo, especially as she will be receiving weight from her. In the Newmarket classic Diminuendo finished 1½ lengths behind Dabaweyaa.


Barry Hills: holds classic hopes for Sparrow's Air

On form there should be little between La Vie En Primrose and Asl, who finished first and third in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket, where only half a length separated them at the finish.

Apart from the big race, Hills is also hopeful of winning the EBF Zetland Fillies Stakes with Petrillia, who along with Wakayi, shaped promisingly at Sandown first time out.

But the word from Whatcombe is that there will be some very long faces if FIT FOR A QUEEN fails to make a winning debut. Her trainer Paul Cole left me in no doubt yesterday that he is very sweet indeed on her chance.

He also fancies Harreek to win the Lambson Chemicals Stakes, but here I prefer to take a chance with Free Fact's younger half-brother FREESTONE, who can continue Dick Hern's excellent recent run.

On better ground stable companion Vouchsafe would also have an excellent chance of winning the Yorkshire Television Handicap for West Ilsley, but on the prevailing going I think SLANGI VAH is the more likely winner, especially as Orient Line would probably prefer better ground too. Slangi Vah, who won the Rosebery Stakes first time out last season, will relish the underfoot conditions.

MASTER POKEY, the medium of a massive but unsuccessful gamble at Newmarket 12 days ago, can recover the losses by winning the Paul Caddick and Macgay Sprint Trophy.

At Nottingham this evening Walter Swinburn can complete a double on MAFAZA (5.15) and SHADOW MINISTER (7.45).

Blinkered first time

CHEPSTOW: 6.45 Gun Happy; 7.15 Baumaniere. NOTTINGHAM: 7.15 Gold Waltz; 8.15 Skinnhill.

Stewards remiss in handling of Hurry Up Henry defeat

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

There is no doubt a perfectly good explanation why Amanda Harwood, hopeful of extending her lead in the women's riding championship, was tailed off on 3-1 on favourite Hurry Up Henry for most of the way in the ladies' open at the Surrey Union point-to-point on Saturday.

Only after three fences from home was a forward move made, and Hurry Up Henry finished like the proverbial train to take second place. Whatever the reason, the stewards failed in their duty by not holding an inquiry.

The race was presented to Amanda Plummer on 33-1 outsider Prince Zeus after Abalight, well clear two fences out, made a mistake causing Christine Elliott to lose her steering. The horse, very sensibly, then took the easiest way home, round the last fence rather than over it.

Seven of this season's winners were in opposition in the open at the Holcombe Harriers. But despite the intensity of the competition Minster Scally was installed as short as even-money favourite, and showed her class by making all to beat Shamrock Master by a wide margin. Simon Crank, who rode the winner, is disappointed that he is unlikely to have the ride in the North Western Area Point-To-Point Final Hunter chase at Bangor on Saturday as he will be well overweight.

Caspian Flyer, a five-year-old by Persian Warrior, is bred for shorter trips on the Flat but Noel Quinlan produced him from his yard at Chippenham, near Newmarket, to win the West Norfolk maiden race under Simon Cowell.

Fourth at Higham on the first day of the season, Caspian Flyer has had a busy campaign and his comfortable 10-length win on Saturday reflects great credit on his handler.

Mandy Turner had a successful afternoon at the Modbury, winning the four-mile ladies' event when Sauntress just held on by half a length from Hard Touch, ridden by Janine Mills. She had previously won the hunt race on Solar Krib and, with a second and a third also, had a total of 14 miles race riding.

Llantwit Major is not proving a popular course for the former National champion John Llewellyn. In the two meetings there this season he has not completed from six rides, and at the Ystrad he hurt his ankle when unseated from Clanger in the adjacent, so missing, for the second week running, a winning ride on Rostuile in the open. As at the Llangeinor last week, Philip Mathias was an able deputy.

Stanwick Lad had to work hard at the Fernie for his ninth win of the season. Desert Fox set a strong pace and, under Richard Russell, outjumped him at every fence. However, John Sharp found that little bit extra approaching the last and won by what the judge described as a head, but looked more like a length.

Sharp completed a double on Better Spoken in the restricted but Russell, on Arctic Paddy, gained his revenge and foiled the treble attempt by beating him into second place in the maiden.

● After the high-class programme at Cheltenham last Wednesday evening, it is down to earth with a bump for the hunters today at Folkestone, where none of the runners in the three novices' races would be capable of winning a decent point-to-point open race. Matchplay, Drive On Jimmy and Veleso look more attractive propositions on the three other hunter chases on the card.

YORK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Fit For A Queen.	2.00 Full Of Sauce.
2.35 Freestone.	2.35 Watertight.
3.05 Master Pokey.	3.05 Retrieve.
3.40 SPARROW'S AIR (nap).	3.40 Diminuendo.
4.10 Slangi Vah.	4.10 —
4.40 St Elmo's Fire.	4.40 Hot Company.

By Michael Seely
2.35 Freestone. 3.05 Master Pokey. 3.40 DIMINUENDO (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 DIMINUENDO.

Going: good to soft **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.0 EBF ZETLAND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,110: 5f) (11 runners)

102	(7)			ANODYNE (Lord Derby) J W Watts 8-11	N Connorton	—
103	(9)			AUGUST SEVENTEENTH (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11	J Reid	—
105	(10)	0		FILICAIA 7 (Don E Incisa) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	—
106	(8)			FIT FOR A QUEEN (Gulting Stud Ltd) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	—
107	(1)	22		FULL OF SAUCE 11 (BF) (Cheveley Park Stud) R J Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	● 98
109	(6)			MAHJONG GIRL (N Watson) D Murray-Smith 8-11	R Wernham	—
110	(2)			MARCROFT (Mrs M Clayton) R Whitaker 8-11	Dean McKeown	—
112	(5)			MUSIANICA (J Ellis) M Tompkins 8-11	G Carter	—
114	(4)			NORTHERN LINE (Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) M W Easterby 8-11	D Nicholls	—
115	(11)	2		PETRILLIA 18 (A Snead) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	92
117	(3)	0		WAKAYI 18 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	Pat Eddery	80

BETTING: 11-4 Full of Sauce, 3-1 Petrillia, 7-2 Wakayi, 4-1 Fit For A Queen, 8-1 Anodyne, 10-1 August Seventeenth, 12-1 others.
1987: NARJIS 8-11 R Hills (11-8 fav) H Thomson Jones 10 ran

FORM FILLCALA (8-7) 6¾l 6th to Elder Prince (8-12) at Redcar (5f mdn, £1715, good, May 3, 12 ran).

ANODYNE (Foaled Jan 29, cost 60,000gns). Sister to useful juvenile Domynsky and half-sister to several others including good-class handicapper Handlebar.

AUGUST SEVENTEENTH (Foaled Apr 30, 14,000gns). By Sharpo. Is bred to be fast.

FIT FOR A QUEEN (Foaled Apr 16) is a half-sister to a two-year-old stakes winner. Sire was a high-class middle distance horse in North America.

FULL OF SAUCE (8-11) favourite at Newmarket last time (5f mdn, £3798, good, Apr 29, 5 ran) when ¾l 2nd to City Bird (8-11).

PETRILLIA (8-11) 5¼ 2nd of 11 to Finnair Finesse (8-11) at Sandown (5f mdn, £3262, good to soft, Apr 22) with WAKAYI (8-11) 3¼l 5th.

Selection: FULL OF SAUCE

2.35 LAMBSON CHEMICAL STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,226: 1m 6f) (8 runners) C 4

203	(2)	0-21		HARREEK 18 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-13	T Quinn	85
204	(8)	031		JAMAICA GEORGE 14 (F) (D Dobson) R Simpson 8-13	J Carnet	65
205	(7)	032-12		WATERTIGHT 21 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Britain 8-13	S Cauthen	● 99
206	(3)	0		ALLEGED SPIRIT 25 (R Hibbert) B Hanbury 8-10	B Raymond	88
207	(4)	340-4		ECU D'OR 14 (J A de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 8-10	J Reid	93
209	(6)	6-0		FREESTONE 25 (Lord Rotherwick) W Ham 8-10	W Carson	82
210	(5)	0		NORTH PRIDE 18 (B Jones) B Hanbury 8-10	S Keightley	—
214	(1)	20-		LYSWAYS 192 (Mrs R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 8-7	A Cothane (5)	90

BETTING: 5-2 Watertight, 7-2 Harreek, 4-1 Freestone, 8-1 Ecu D'Or, 10-1 Jamaica George, 12-1 Alleged Spirit, 16-1 Lysways, 20-1 North Pride.
1987: OVERDRIVE 8-4 W Ryan (11-8 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM HARREEK (8-5) ran on well to beat Charlie Dickens (9-10) 2l at Beverley (2m mdn, £2153, good, Apr 22, 13 ran).

JAMAICA GEORGE (9-2) got up close home to beat Mukhlandis (9-0) a head at Thirsk (2m mdn, £1350, good to firm, Apr 26, 9 ran).

WATERTIGHT (8-12) 15l 2nd to ante-post Derby favourite Unfuwain (9-1) at Epsom (1m 4f listed, £7284, good to soft, Apr 19, 6 ran) previously (9-0) beat HARREEK (9-0) 4l at Kempton (1m 4f mdn, £2498, soft, Apr 4, 12 ran).

ECU D'OR (9-0) 6l 4th to Lake Mission (9-0) at Bath (1m 3f 150yd mdn, £1295, good to firm, Apr 26, 12 ran).

LYSWAYS (8-11) 43¼l 6th to Bamusi (8-11) at Newmarket (7f mdn, £4627, good to soft, Oct 31, 28 ran).

Selection: WATERTIGHT

3.5 PAUL CADDICK AND MACGAY SPRINT TROPHY (Handicap: £12,408: 6f) (14 runners) C 4

301	(5)	000-01		EVICHSTAR 24 (D,F) (G Meredith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-11	K Fallon (5)	95
302	(1)	244030-		NORGABIE 199-(F) (P Goldsmith) P Calver 4-9-1	M Fry	82
303	(9)	400-000		LOCHIVOR 10 (B,G,S) (H Key) M H Easterby 4-8-1	M Birch	95
304	(7)	0000-00		FATHER TIME 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Hollesd) M Tompkins 4-8-13	R Cochrane	—
305	(3)	10000-0		MATOU 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs T Pick) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-8-12	G Carter	98
308	(4)	20132-0		GOLDEN ANCONA 13 (D,G,S) (D Gorton) M H Easterby 5-8-6	J Lowe	97
309	(6)	1420-03		RETRIEVE 10 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 5-8-4	Pat Eddery	93
310	(10)	0-10102		RUNAWAY 10 (D,F,G,S) (D Gillespy) C Tinkler 5-8-4	P Burke (7)	85
311	(11)	2210-32		MASTER POKEY 12 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 4-8-3	M Roberts	● 99
313	(14)	30002/0		SEW HIGH 10 (CD,F,G,S) (R Thornbit) B McMahon 5-8-2	A Mackay	—
315	(12)	042110-		MAYOR 185 (CD,F,G,S) (Full Circle D Plc) N Tinkler 5-8-1	Kim Tinkler	94
316	(13)	00-4000		LOCHONICA 3 (D,G,S) (S Woodall) T Barron 5-8-1	T Quinn	96
318	(2)	002-010		PROSPECT PLACE 25 (D,S) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 4-7-12	L Charnock	93
320	(8)	20-0000		VALLEY MILLS 3 (CD,F,G,S) (T Barron) T Barron 5-7-7	M L Thomas	89

BETTING: 4-1 Master Pokey, 5-1 Evichstar, Retrieve, 8-1 Golden Ancona, Prospect Place, 10-1 Runaway, 12-1 Matou, 14-1 Norgabie, 16-1 others.
1987: ROYAL FAN 4-7-7 J Lowe (8-1) M H Easterby 11 ran

FORM EVICHSTAR (9-0) 1½l winner from Jannubi (8-9) at Thirsk (6f, £8785, good to firm, Apr 16, 15 ran) with LOCHIVOR (9-10) 7l, 8th.

FATHER TIME (7-12) a 1½l course and distance winner from Royal Fan (7-7) last June (£8441, good to soft, 15 ran) with MATOU (8-7) 4½l 5th and VALLEY MILLS (7-9) 2¾l 7th.

MATOU (10-0) 1½l winner from Mrs Sauga (7-11) at Chester last August (6f h'cap, £3522, soft, 13 ran).

RUNAWAY (8-13) 3l 2nd to Jokist (8-2) at Haydock (6f h'cap, £4071, good, Apr 30, 12 ran) with RETRIEVE (8-13) ¾l 3rd. LOCHONICA (8-10) 3¼l 7th, LOCHIVOR (9-10) a running on length 9th and SEW HIGH (8-11) 3l 11th.

MASTER POKEY (8-5) a neck 2nd to Foolish Touch (8-0) at Newmarket (8f lcap, £7682, good, Apr 28, 15 ran) with MATOU (9-0) 6½l 10th and FATHER TIME (9-1) unplaced.

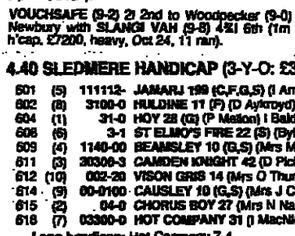
MAYOR (7-9) beat Wing Park (9-5) a length at Doncaster last term (6f lcap, £6400, good, Oct 24, 20 ran) with GOLDEN ANCONA (8-7) 3l 3rd MATOU (9-2) 7th and NORGABIE (9-0), PROSPECT PLACE (7-5), FATHER TIME (9-2) and RUNAWAY (7-12) unplaced.

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Selection: MASTER POKEY

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3.40 TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £20,218: 1m 2f 110yd) (6 runners) C 4

401	(2)	1111-23		DIMINUENDO 12 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
402	(5)	1-3		ASL 12 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-8	W Carson	86
403	(4)	141-2		DERRY KESTREL 21 (D,F,G) (R Folsom) M Stoute 8-8	Pat Eddery	85
405	(1)	00-41		LA VIE EN PRIMROSE 12 (G) (Miss S Gradley) C Britain 8-8	M Roberts	88
408	(3)	041-1		PRINCESS GENISTA 20 (G,S) (I Stewart-Brown) G Prachard-Gordon 8-8	J Reid	77
410	(6)	11-		SPARROW'S AIR 199 (G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-8	M Hills	96

BETTING: 7-4 Diminuendo, 9-4 Sparrow's Air, 9-2 Asl, 8-1 La Vie En Primrose, 10-1 Derry Kestrel, 14-1 Princess Genista.
1987: INDIAN SKIMMER 8-8 S Cauthen (1-2 fav) H Cecil 3 ran

FORM DIMINUENDO (9-0) 3l 3rd to Ravinella (9-0) in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, £88308, good, Apr 28, 12 ran).

DERRY KESTREL (8-8) 1¾l 2nd to Aim For The Top (8-13) at Epsom (1m 110yd, £9193, good to soft, Apr 19, 6 ran).

LA VIE EN PRIMROSE (8-10) a 33/1 chance when neck winner from Intimate Guest (9-3) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £13112, good, Apr 26, 7 ran) with ASL (8-10) a neck 3rd.

PRINCESS GENISTA (8-8) 3l winner from Ashraf Dancer (9-5) at Epsom (1m 110yd, £4511, soft, Apr 20, 11 ran).

SPARROWS AIR (8-8) length winner from New Trends (8-11) at Newbury (7f 60yd, £12233, heavy, Oct 24, 10 ran).

Selection: DIMINUENDO

4.10 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP (£3,428: 1m 4f) (11 runners) C 4

502	(10)	21/0		MERANO 27 (D,G) (C St George) M W Easterby 5-9-10	S Cauthen	—
503	(2)	2220-02		ORIENT LINE 10 (C,F,G) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 4-9-9	Pat Eddery	● 99
507	(8)	0010-21		FIRST DIVISION 26 (D,F,G,S) (A F Budge Ltd) S Christian 5-8-3	W Ryan	92
508	(11)	120000-		SLANGI VAH 185 (D,G) (F Salman) H Candy 5-8-0	T Ives	93
510	(7)	24132-2		VOUCHSAFE 25 (CD,F,G) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Ham 6-8-12	W Carson	92
512	(4)	032114-		PANAMA JACK 208 (F,S) (K MacPherson) P Calver 4-8-11	M Fry	87
515	(6)	1010-04		FOUR STAR THRUST 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Turner) R Whitaker 6-8-6	Dean McKeown	89
519	(9)	02-2630		LOTUS ISLAND 14 (B,F,G) (Full Circle D Plc) N Tinkler 4-8-2	Kim Tinkler	90
520	(1)	0210-40		HOPPING AROUND 36 (D,F,G,S) (Racegoers Club) C Thornton 4-8-0	A Culhane (5)	97
522	(3)	301-000		BEAN BOY 14 (C,D,F,S) (Mrs S Easterby) M H Easterby 10-7-9	J Lowe	87
524	(5)	0004-60		COMMON FARM 18 (D,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-7-7	G Bardwell (5)	82

Long handicap: Common Farm 7-4.
BETTING: 5-1 Vouchsafe, 11-2 First Division, 6-1 Orient Line, 7-1 Panama Jack, 8-1 Lotus Island, Merano, 9-1 Hopping Around, 10-1 others.
1987: ISLAND SET 5-9-12 R Cochrane (3-1 fav) L Cumani 14 ran

FORM MERANO (10-0) finished well when 14¾l 5th to Blided (9-6) at Ripon (1m 1f, £2707, good, Apr 13, 19 ran).

ORIENT LINE (9-5) 1½l 2nd to Merce Cunningham (8-10) at Newmarket (1m 2f h'cap, £7947, good, Apr 30, 14 ran).

FIRST DIVISION (8-2) beat VOUCHSAFE (7-12) a short head at Newmarket (1m 4f h'cap, £5081, good, Apr 14, 8 ran).

VOUCHSAFE (9-2) 2l 2nd to Woodpecker (9-0) at Newbury with SLANGI VAH (9-8) 4¾l 6th (1m 3f h'cap, £7200, heavy, Oct 24, 11 ran).

PANAMA JACK (9-4) best effort a 1¾l beating of Georgia Leigh (9-7) at Haydock (1m 6f h'cap, £3527, good to soft, Oct 3, 8 ran).

FOUR STAR THRUST (8-3) 5¾l 4th to Roubayd (8-8) at Ascot (1m 4f h'cap, £3974, good to firm, Apr 27, 11 ran).

LOTUS ISLAND (8-12) ½l 3rd to Mount Olympus (8-8) at Thirsk where FOUR STAR THRUST (9-2) was disqualified after finishing a length 4th and BEAN BOY (8-7) 7l 8th (1m 4f h'cap, £2626, good to firm, Apr 18, 11 ran).

Selection: ORIENT LINE

4.40 SLEDMERE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,851: 1m 1f) (10 runners)

601	(5)	111112-		JAMARJ 199 (C,F,G,S) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 9-7	M Birch	93
602	(8)	3100-0		HULDINE 17 (F) (D Aykroyd) P Walwyn 9-5	R Cochrane	84
604	(1)	31-0		HOY 28 (G) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-2	T Ives	95
606	(6)	3-1		ST ELMO'S FIRE 22 (S) (Byton Farmers Ltd) M Prescott 8-10	G Duffield	● 99
609	(4)	1140-00		BEAMSLEY 10 (G,S) (Mrs M Irwin) J Watts 8-6	N Connorton	93
611	(3)	30300-3		CAMDEN KNIGHT 42 (D Pickles) N Bycroft 8-2	L Charnock	98
612	(10)	002-20		VISON GRIS 14 (Mrs O Thurston) B Hills 8-1	G Bardwell (5)	88
614	(9)	00-0100		CAUSLEY 10 (G,S) (Mrs J Clear) B McMahon 7-11	A Mackay	97
615	(2)	04-0		CHORUS BOY 27 (Mrs N Napier) E Weymes 7-11	W Carson	95
616	(7)	03300-0		HOT COMPANY 31 (I MacNicol) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-7	J Lowe	93

Long handicap: Hot Company 7-4.
BETTING: 4-1 St Elmo's Fire, 9-2 Hoy, 5-1 Huldine, Jamarj, 15-2 Chorus Boy, Vison Gris, 8-1 Causley.
1987: ORIENT LINE 9-3 Pat Eddery (5-1) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM JAMARJ (9-4) ¾l 2nd to Gunners Hill (7-10) at Doncaster with CAUSLEY (8-4) behind in 9th (7f h'cap, £4480, good, Oct 24, 23 ran).

HULDINE (8-10) best effort a short head 2nd to Still Surprised (8-3) at Newmarket (1m h'cap, good to firm, £6073, good to firm, Sep 30, 12 ran).

HOY (9-0) best effort a ¾l beating of Savahra Sound (9-6) at Salisbury on penultimate start (6f, £4831, good, Aug 12, 6 ran).

ST ELMO'S FIRE (8-6) beat Storm Kitty (8-3) a length at Edinburgh (1m mdn, £1362, good to soft, Apr 18, 16 ran).

VISON GRIS (8-11) best effort 4l 2nd to Lady Lustre (8-3) at Kempton on penultimate start (1m h'cap, £2650, soft, Apr 4, 12 ran).

CAUSLEY (9-7) best effort 3l beating of Gorky Park (8-11) at Ripon (1m sell, £867, good, Apr 13, 11 ran).

Selection: VISON GRIS

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	19	53	35.8
J Dunlop	17	65	26.2
N Vigors	4	17	23.5
P Cole	8	34	23.5
B Hanbury	7	36	19.4
H Candy	3	19	15.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	30	150	20.0
Pat Eddery	34	178	19.1
T Quinn	7	41	17.1
M Roberts	7	41	17.1
T Ives	16	104	15.4
R Cochrane	10	66	15.2

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Running Sands. 2.15 Arctic Stream. 2.45 Our Pretender. 3.15 Drive On Jimmy. 3.50 Mark's Methane. 4.20 Master Grain. 4.50 Matchplay. 5.20 Wise Gambol.

By Brian Beel
2.45 Our Pretender. 3.15 Drive On Jimmy. 3.50 Veleso. 4.20 Master Grain. 4.50 Matchplay. 5.20 Wise Gambol.

Going: good to firm (Flat course firm)

1.45 GRUNWICK NH FLAT RACE (£914: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

2		00		AMBER TACK 73 J Long 5-11-7	Leesa Long (7)	
3				ASHMAE A Neaves 5-11-7	Mr S McKeever (7)	
6		00		BRIGADIER GORDON 59 E Farrant 5-11-7	Mr J Farrant	
7		0		CHINLESS WONDER 59 J Scallan 5-11-7	K Cotter (7)	
10				NODFORMS DILEMMA D Eddy 5-11-7	—	
12				TOM TROUBADOUR Mrs C Collins 5-11-7	Mr R Lodge (7)	
13		0		TRUST ME 25 G Gracey 5-11-7	M Cassidy (7)	
17		30		AUTUMN TIMES 19 J Burridge 4-11-2	Mr C Willett	
19		0		CLINT NA GOOLAN 19 M Jarman 4-11-2	Mr T Moore	
20				DONA CHRISTINA 45 S Dow 5-11-2	Mr A Knight (7)	
25		0		MAGNUS 12 (B) G Enright 4-11-2	M Jenner (7)	
29				RIVERTINO P Mitchell 4-11-2	Mr Teal (7)	
30		0		RUNNING SANDS 19 J Gifford 4-11-2	Mr T Grantham	
32		0		TIBER SEAL 36 P Attingham 5-11-2	Mr S Andrews	
33		2		EECEEGEE 25 Mrs S Oliver 4-10-11	W Hayes (7)	
34				LOVELYROSEOFCLARE J Pearce 4-10-11	Mrs L Pearce	
38		0		TANGARAX 73 C Willett 4-10-11	Mr A Welsh (7)	

2-1 Eeceegee, 4-1 Running Sands, 6-1 Nodforms Dilemma, 8-1 Autumn Times, 10-1 Chinless Wonder, Trust Me.

2.15 TED LONG HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £1,763: 2m 4f) (9)

3		3344		AMBER RAMBLER 102 (D,F,G,S) P Scoulier 9-12-5	P Scoulier (7)	
5		-04F		ARCTIC STREAM 54 (D,BF,F,G,S) F Walwyn 9-11-9	G Oxley (7)	
6		0UP1		YACARE 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Gifford 9-11-5 (6ex)	T Grantham (7)	
10		40P0		CASTLESAFFRON 25 (B,G,S) H Hodge 9-10-1	Miss J Hodge (7)	
11		P4P0		DONAGHMOYNE 5 (F,G,S) Miss L Bower 11-10-0	C Barnett Wells (7)	
13		004U		OGDEN YORK 4 (F) J Jenkins 7-10-0	P Harding-Jones (7)	
15		P03F		BALLACOREY 209 (F) L Bowman 12-10-0	Miss K Glossenthwaite (7)	
18		PPPP		BAXTERS BRIDGE 14 Mrs J French 11-10-0	Miss S French (7)	
19		P000		CLOVER SONG 19 Mrs P Townsley 6-10-0	Miss L Townsley (7)	

15-8 Yacare, 5-2 Arctic Stream, 5-1 Amber Rambler, 8-1 Castlesaffron, Donaghmoyne, 14-1 Ogden York, 20-1 others.

2.45 CUCKOO MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Div I: amateurs: £630: 2m 4f) (11)

2		4P-P		BARFRESTON 53 M Smith 8-12-7	P Bull (7)	
4		P-F0		CARNEY COURT 8 (F) J Jokley 10-12-7	J Mause (7)	
12		8/		GRAND CHEVAL 1172 G Wragg 7-12-7	G Wragg (7)	
14		P/		HANG LOOSE COUSIN 715 A Lucas 11-12-7	Mrs L Jewell (7)	
15		00/0		HIT ME AGAIN 31 R Abrey 10-12-7	Miss K Parris (7)	
19		20P-		OUR PRETENDER 386 R Brown 8-12-7	C Coyne (7)	
24				ANNADINE C Rudd 9-12-2	N Bloom (7)	
28		00P-		FRAU KITZ 386 Mrs N Featherstone 8-12-2	Miss S Belcher (7)	
31		00/		MEGANTE 829 P Mercer 10-12-2	—	
34		P-F0		PASSION PLAY 75 R Collins 5-12-0	Miss D Draper (7)	
35				RYMER CANN J Howgego 5-12-0	C Willett (7)	

2-1 Grand Cheval, 9-4 Annadine, 9-2 Our Pretender, 13-2 Hit Me Again, 8-1 Hang Loose Cousin, 16-1 others.

3.15 SHEPHERD NEAME UNITED HUNTS OPEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,448: 3m 2f) (7)

1		01-F		BARSTICK 35 (CD,F,G,S) J Turner 10-12-0	D Turner	
2		1F14		DRIVE ON JIMMY 27 (G,S) Mrs E Heath 10-12-0	P Harding-Jones (7)	
3		3PP/		FOUR POSTER 715 (F) K Whee 12-12-0	P Hacking (4)	
4		UP/		JORO 1079 M Foster 11-12-0	M Foster (7)	
5		31-P		JUST A GHOST 38 (CD,F) Mrs J French 12-12-0	Miss S French (7)	
7		4-32		MILLER HILL 68 (BF,G,S) J Burbidge 12-12-0	C Willett (7)	
12				MERMAIDS DAUGHTER R Nuttall 11-11-9	R Nuttall (7)	

11-10 Barstick, 100-30 Drive On Jimmy, 5-1 Miller Hill, 12-1 Just A Ghost, Joro, 14-1 Four Poster, 25-1 Mermaids Daughter.

3.50 ROYAL JUDGEMENT OPEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,727: 3m 2f) (9)

1		3312		VELESO 27 (F,G,S) D Cuns 10-12-10	C Gordon (7)	
3		314U		MAYANNCOR 32 (D,G,S) D Williams 10-12-7	G Wragg (7)	
5		2440		PARISH RIGGED 15 (B,CD,F,S) D Broor 10-12-4	D Bloor (7)	
6		P4-		CARDINAL'S OUTBURST 584 (F,G,S) A Portman 13-12-0	J Portman (7)	
7		40-4		MARK'S METHANE 68 (F,G) Mrs A Campbell 14-12-0	P Hacking (4)	
10		PPP-		MONKTON RILL 449 (S) P Dufosse 9-11-9	J Dufosse (7)	
13		0/0-		HATTER'S CASTLE 351 B Ivans 10-11-7	T Ilsley (7)	
14		F0PP		HOPEFUL SAINT 6 (S) T King 10-11-7	P Verling (4)	
15		0P/		PRINCELY GUY 875 (S) L Vine 13-11-7	Mrs N Ledger (7)	

15-8 Veleso, 3-1 Mayanncor, 4-1 Mark's Methane, 8-1 Cardinal's Outburst, 8-1 Parish Rigged, 20-1 others.

4.20 GUY PEATE NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £630: 3m 2f) (11)

3		0-0P		D'ARCY SPICE 53 A Lucas 11-12-7	Mrs L Jewell (7)	
4				DEAR JODI Mrs A Warner 10-12-7	Miss S Belcher (7)	
5				DYNETTO H Jarvis 9-12-7	P Bull (7)	
6				FLYING PASSAGE M Roberts 8-12-7	M Roberts (7)	
13		P/P-		KRAKUS 364 Mrs T Palmer 12-12-7	Mrs T Palmer (7)	
14		P-		MASTER GRAIN 449 L Vine 11-12-7	N Wheeler (7)	
15		P0/P		MOTOR BIKE MAN 6 D Robinson 12-12-7	D Robinson (7)	
16		03-		NEMO KYBO 354 J Turner 8-12-7	D Turner	
19		000/		RECORD TROUT 1082 J Hickman 7-12-7	J Hickman (7)	
21		00UU		TELF 6 Mrs E Ludlow 8-12-7	P Clarke (7)	
24				SEA CHALLENGER R Ledger 7-12-2	Mrs N Ledger (7)	

11-8 Nemo Kybo, 9-2 D'Arcy Spice, 11-2 Motor Bike Man, 8-1 Master Grain, 12-1 Sea Challenger, Telf, 14-1 Dynetto.

4.50 UNITED HUNTS OPEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,828: 2m 4f) (17)

4		1111		MATCHPLAY 6 (D,G,S) G Pidgeon 10-12-7	Miss J Pidgeon (7)	
6		F31P		OUR FUN 55 (D,F,G,S) J Gifford 11-12-7	T Grantham	
7		-330		BRUNTON PARK 54 (F,G,S) J Jenkins 10-12-4	B Munro-Wilson	
8		1P4-		BURNS LAD 355 (F) R Andrews 7-12-4	S P Andrews (7)	
9		-010		KINGS WILD 220 (F) D Moore 7-12-4	A Moore (7)	
10		-0U		SHARAGAM 36 (G) J Turner 10-12-4	D Turner	
11		00-		ARDENT WARRIOR 346 (F) Mrs G Drury 9-12-0	Mrs N Ledger (7)	
12		0/		BLEATHWOOD 759 (F,S) R Morton 12-12-0	Miss S Belcher (7)	
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RUGBY: TWO BRITISH TOURING PARTIES SET OFF FOR THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE WITH GROUNDS FOR VARYING DEGREES OF OPTIMISM

England leave with hopes of fitting the jigsaw together

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Despite the encouraging way in which England finished the international season in the northern hemisphere, there remains an element of the jigsaw puzzle in their nine-match tour of Australia and Fiji, which begins when the party fly out from Heathrow this evening. The pieces of the puzzle have to be reassembled in the correct order in a country where England have yet to win an international against their hosts.

The confusion over the midfield — the second stand-off half, the best use of the limited availability of Halliday and Carling, the centres — was not greatly assisted by the withdrawal of Harrison, the wing and former captain, on Sunday evening. Nevertheless, the core remains the performance of the forwards and half backs and here, at least, England have reason to be optimistic.

They catch Australia at a time of change: they have a new coach in Bob Dwyer, a new captain in Farr-Jones, and their leading players have just taken part in the South Pacific championship during which New South Wales and Queensland finished second-bottom and bottom respectively. The fact that Fiji finished above both Australian states suggests there could be a sting in the tail of England's tour which ends in Suva on June 16.

England, though, have a new coach and (almost) a new captain too. While Geoff Cooke, the manager, remains in charge of overall strategy, Alan Davies and David Robinson step up to coach at this level for the first time, while Orwin has only the experience of one and a half games, against Ireland in the season just ended, as captain.

Significantly, only two of the forwards — Orwin and Robinson — were not in Australia last summer for the World Cup, so most will know what sort of conditions to expect. Harding and Andrew, currently the first-choice half backs, were there too - indeed Andrew is already in Australia, having to go there early for business reasons, and Underwood flew out yesterday to join the World party in preparation for Sunday's game.

England's forwards should hold their own at scrum and lineout, and take their share of loose possession. It then comes down to the decision-making processes.

The first game, against Queensland Country in McKay, has been moved forward 24 hours, to next Tuesday, so Halliday and Bailey, should he prove to be the replacement wing, who fly out on Friday, will not have recovered in time for selection against, probably, the weakest opposition of the tour.

England have played four previous away internationals against Australia, one in 1963, one last year in the World Cup, and two on their only other tour of the country in 1975, which was notorious for rough play and the dismissal of Mike Burton in the second international. All were lost but it will be disappointing if this series cannot, at least, be shared.

TOUR PARTY

Full backs: R Adamson (Wakefield), J M Webb (Bristol). Wings: J Bentley (Sale), R Underwood (Leicester), M D Bailey (Wasps — to be confirmed). Centres: B Barley (Wakefield), J Buckton (Saracens), S J Halliday (Bath), W D C Carling (Harlequins). Stand-off halves: C R Andrew (Wasps), S Barnes (Bath). Scrum halves: R M Harding (Bristol), S A Robson (Moseley). Prop forwards: G J Chilcott (Bath), G S Pearce (Northampton), J A Probyn (Wasps) P A G Rendall (Wasps). Hookers: R G R Dawe (Bath), B C Moore (Nottingham) Locks: W A Dooley (Fylde), J Orwin (Bedford, capt), N C Redman (Bath) Flankers: G W Rees (Nottingham), A Robinson (Bath), M G Skinner (Harlequins) No. 8s: D W Egerton (Bath), D Richards (Leicester) Manager: G Cooke Coaches: A Davies, D Robinson. Doctor: L Walkden Physiotherapist: K Murphy

ITINERARY

May
17: v Queensland Country (McKay)
22: v Queensland (Brisbane)
25: v Queensland B (Toowoomba)
29: v Australia (Brisbane)
June
1: v South Australia Invitation XV (Adelaide)
5: v New South Wales (Sydney)
8: v New South Wales B (Wollongong)
12: v Australia (Sydney)
16: v Fiji (Suva)



Gaining experience: Orwin, the captain

New look to Australia

Australia have named three newcomers in their team to play an Overseas XV in the bicentennial international at Concord Oval, Sydney, on Sunday — a game which allows England to survey the form of the nucleus of their opponents in the two-match international series (David Hands writes).

One of the three is Niuqila, the former Fijian international, who has played for Randwick during the last three years, the club coached by Bob Dwyer who has replaced Alan Jones as national coach. He plays on the wing with Grant, the New South Wales centre, another new cap inside him and Kay, the Sydney prop, completing the trio.

Farr-Jones will lead the side from scrum half rather than Lynagh, the Queensland stand-off half, who had been expected to be named captain. Apart from these two, the main experience appears in the pack, which includes the 1984 grand-slam players Lawton, McIntyre, Cutler, Tuynman and Poidevin.

AUSTRALIA: A Leeds; A Niuqila, M Cook, J Grant, I Williams; M Lynagh, N Farr-Jones (captain); P Kay, T Lawton, A McIntyre, S Poidevin, D Frawley, S Cutler, J Miller, S Tuynman. Replacements: G Martin, B Smith, B Burke, M McBain, M Hartill, D Carter.

Craven warns S Africa over professional tour

Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, yesterday warned that a precipitate reaction against the decisions of other International Board countries could damage the game in the republic permanently (David Hands writes).

Wales, Scotland, Ireland and New Zealand's lack of support for the proposed seven-match tour of South Africa involving a "world" party provoked Louis Luyt, one of the prime movers of the New Zealand Cavaliers tour in 1986, to say: "The players and rugby-going public cannot tolerate these insults any longer."

There has been speculation that various provincial unions are planning a professional tour, impatient with what they see as lack of support from the International Board, which decided in March to allow tours to South Africa once more.

"I can understand that officials are upset about these developments and that the players are getting frustrated because they are not getting top international competition," Dr Craven said. "But they must not take any drastic decisions which could damage South African rugby permanently."

World Cup defeat leaves Wales an intimidating task

By Gerald Davies

This evening 26 Welsh players, their manager, Rod Morgan, and coaches, Tony Gray and Derek Quinnell, will embark on an eight-match tour of New Zealand, which will include two Tests, and which begins against Waikato on May 18.

Despite the winning of the Triple Crown last season, and the return to the kind of rugby best-loved by their people, the players must look forward to the New Zealand matches with apprehension, recalling the events of 11 months ago. Then, in the semi-final of the World Cup in Brisbane, the All Blacks demolished the Welsh team, ten of whom now return, by 49-6 and demoralized a nation.

Contemplation of that defeat will no doubt concentrate the mind. To prepare for what lies ahead the players must become resolute philosophers.

A week may be a long time in politics, but in sporting terms, when the difference between two teams is so vast, even a full 12 months may be not be enough. But the players are sustained by the thought that a good deal can happen in such a period.

The experience in the World Cup has reinforced the demand for new standards of fitness and conditioning. Much seems to have been achieved in this respect and the players are now better equipped.

But for the All Black team itself, very little seems to have changed. Brian Lochore is no longer the coach, his position taken by Alex Wyllie, the former New Zealand and Canterbury flanker. The only player not available is their captain and scrum half, David Kirk.

Bleddyn Bowen, the Welsh captain, believes that despite appearances, there is no point in being pessimistic. Unless the players entertain thoughts of winning there is hardly any point in stepping aboard the aircraft.

Wales have many talented footballers and the manner in which they have pursued the running game during the season indicates that they have no intention of taking on the All Blacks at their own game. Something else has to be offered. But if they are to have any chance of succeeding, they require the physical hardness and mental capacity to withstand the expected onslaught at forward.

Wales also need to show that they know exactly what they are about in order to gain the respect of their hosts. They need the tactical wherewithal to challenge a team who understand better than anyone the essence of winning rugby. In this the All Blacks are simply the best: no Welshman should quibble with that. They have to go back to 1953 for their last victory against New Zealand and since then have lost on nine consecutive occasions. A reputation has been substantially lost. This Welsh team has a long way to go to recover it.

● Ken Murphy, the Constitution and Munster right wing, has been named as replacement for Paul Haycock (Terenure College) in the Ireland 26 strong party which set off yesterday for a four match tour of France. Murphy, aged 21, gets his late call up after Haycock damaged an ankle.● Two Tarbes players, Jean-Paul Trille, the stand-off half, and Pierre Arthapignet, the No. 8, have been added to the French party to tour Argentina next month.

TOUR PARTY

Full backs: S Bowling (Llanelli), A Clement (Swansea). Wings: C Davies (Llanelli), I Evans (Llanelli), G Webbe (Bridgend). Centres: B Bowen (South Wales Police, captain), J Devereux (Bridgend), M Hall (Bridgend), M Ring (Pontypool). Stand-off half: J Davies (Llanelli). Scrum halves: J Griffiths (Llanelli), R Jones (Swansea). Prop forwards: A Buchanan (Llanelli), S Jones (Pontypool), J Pugh (Neath), D Young (Swansea). Hookers: K Phillips (Neath); T Watkins (Ebbw Vale). Locks: P May (Llanelli), R Norster (Cardiff); K Moseley (Pontypool). Flankers: D Bryant (Bridgend), R Collins (South Wales Police), R Phillips (Neath). No. 8s: T Fauvel (Aberavon), P Moriarty (Swansea). Manager: R Morgan. Coach: A Gray. Assistant coach: D Quinnell. Doctor: M Downes. Physiotherapist: A Seary.

ITINERARY

May
18: v Waikato v (Hamilton)
21: v Wellington
24: v Otago (Dunedin)
28: v New Zealand (Christchurch)
June
1: v Hawkes Bay (Napier)
4: v Taranaki v (New Plymouth)
7: v North Auckland (Whangarei)
11: v New Zealand (Auckland)

TENNIS

Wilander lesson for Jaite jitters

From Richard Evans
Rome

Martin Jaite, a finalist in Monte Carlo three weeks ago, lost his third first-round match since then and Mats Wilander, the Italian Open champion, fought off four set points before beating Francesco Cancellotti, 7-6, 6-1.

Neither man offered physical problems as an excuse. They were struggling with the mental game that builds as the major championships loom large and the tension in the locker-room mounts.

Jaite is struggling to explain how he played so well in Monte Carlo and then lost in Hamburg, New York and now here at the Foro Italico, where Thomas Muster, the Austrian, demolished him 6-2, 6-1.

Jaite is fighting sudden loss of confidence, difficult to explain but very real for players who begin to think too much about their game. "It's all mental now," Lew Hoad said in Spain recently. "It's all in the bloody mind."

Mostly, when Hoad was winning at Wimbledon, Rome and Paris, it was in his racket. Now everything is analysed and fussed over as the players try to pick their way through the psychological minefields that await week after week.

"I have been telling myself that the two years I won the French Open, I didn't play well before," Wilander said. He was ill when he lost to Claudio Pistolesi in Monte Carlo and merely short of match practice as he fumbled around in search of a missing backhand here yesterday.

"I started to be a bit nervous when I lost the rhythm on my backhand. If I had lost that first set it would have been difficult because he sensed I was struggling," Wilander said.

Four years ago Cancellotti beat Wilander here, so there was that pressure, too, as the Italian reached set point four times in the first set tie-break. But on each occasion, the champion's tough streak shone through as Wilander forced errors, eventually winning the protracted duel by 11 points to nine. After that the champion took charge and the mental mists cleared.

CRICKET: EARLY PROMISE FADES AFTER SUSSEX ARE MADE TO STRUGGLE BY WEST INDIANS

Captain's innings cannot stop defeat

By Simon Wilde

TRENT BRIDGE: Lancashire (22pts) beat Nottinghamshire (6) by 51 runs

Rarely can county champions have begun a season so ignominiously as Nottinghamshire have done this year. Without Hadlee and Rice, they appear to lack cohesion.

Yesterday, set 288 in a minimum of 97 overs, they went down to their third defeat in three games with 16 overs remaining, and only some mixed bowling by Lancashire made the result as close as the figures suggest. In the end, Folley, five for 89, and Simmons, three for 66, made good enough use of the favourable conditions.

Nottinghamshire's only bright spot was Tim Robinson, their captain, who was last man out for 115, having batted five hours when he gave a catch to slip which Fowler juggled before holding. Until then, he had given no firm chance and displayed characteristic application, but was quick to punish anything loose.

Lancashire should have made quicker work of their victory. By mid-afternoon, they had claimed six wickets, all to the spinners, Folley and Simmons, who bowled 42 overs unchanged. After Wasim's bowling, lively but wayward, had helped Nottinghamshire to move quickly on to 66, Folley, in his third over, had Broad taken close-in on the on-side and, two balls later, Newell, caught behind to complete a pair.

During the second session, however, as Simmons kept things tight at one end, Folley, from the end, which was giving most bounce and turn, bowled a curious mixture of good and bad balls to help maintain Nottinghamshire's hopes of winning. In the over before he lured Randall into aiming a drive at a ball that bowled him, Folley was taken for 12 by Robinson, and shortly afterwards had Birch caught pulling tamely to mid-on off a poor short ball.

Johnson, having suffered the misfortune to hit his wicket in the first innings, was careless enough to allow the same thing to happen again when he stepped back to pull.

Nottinghamshire's late order showed stubborn resistence.

Lancashire's innings had earlier extended only eight balls into the morning and without addition to the total.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 221 (N H Fairbrother 101, K E Cooper 5 for 60).

Second Innings	
G D Mendis b Afford	87
G Fowler c Robinson b Cooper	6
T E Jesty retired ill	26
N H Fairbrother c Scott b Hemmings	49
M Watkinson c Stephenson b Hemmings	6
*D P Hughes c Robinson b Stephenson	62
†W K Hegg st Scott b Afford	8
Wasim Akram c Birch b Afford	0
P J W Allott lbw b Cooper	25
J Simmons not out	0
I Folley b Stephenson	0
Extras (b 7, lb 11, nb 2)	20
Total	289

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-144, 3-164, 4-187, 5-211, 6-223, 7-263, 8-289, 9-289.
BOWLING: Stephenson 27.2-6-73-2; Cooper 24-6-47-2; Hemmings 44-16-71-2; Afford 28-7-80-3.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 223 (I Folley 4 for 79)

Second Innings	
†R T Robinson c Fowler b Simmons	115
B C Broad c Hughes b Folley	32
M Newell c Hegg b Folley	0
P Johnson hit wicket b Simmons	4
D W Randall b Folley	10
J D Birch c Wasim b Folley	19
F D Stephenson lbw b Simmons	15
†C W Scott b Wasim	11
E E Hemmings lbw b Wasim	1
K E Cooper b Folley	13
J A Afford not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	16
Total	236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-66, 3-73, 4-96, 5-128, 6-155, 7-184, 8-188, 9-228.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 18-5-50-2; Allott 8-3-10-0; Watkinson 6-2-10-0; Simmons 30.4-6-66-3; Folley 24-6-89-5.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and B Leadbeater

Fringe men stake powerful claims for Test places

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

HOVE: Sussex, with four first-innings wickets standing, are 350 behind the West Indians

At lunchtime on Saturday, Sussex were in a position of almost indecent control over the West Indians. Those who had predicted the demise of the world champions this summer prepared their "I told you so" speeches. By last night, the doubters were silent and Sussex had been put firmly in their place, fighting to avoid following on, and unlikely to succeed now that Paul Parker's brave and composed 89 is over.

For English consumption, the most disconcerting aspect of the day was that its central figures were two men who are not even expected to feature in the tourists' Test side. Roger Harper, who came in on Saturday at an ignominious 94 for five, was unbeaten 48 hours later with 217; Ian Bishop, the wild card among six fast bowlers selected, then operated at great pace down the Hove hill and removed both Sussex openers in his first six overs.

Having batted on through the morning, Harper and the tailenders adding 167 in 135 minutes, Richards's policy in the field was to rotate his three quick men down the slope, while the slow bowlers kept things tight from the sea end. Although the spinners shared 29 of the 67 overs, however, the rate did not exceed 15 per hour, which indicates some alarmingly late nights during the Tests when the pace bowlers will dominate and a 90 overs minimum applies.

Harper's innings, launched under considerable pressure, was completed in quite different mood. The languid Guyanan was in leisurely control of an attack which could politely be termed undemanding, with the admirable exception of Bunting, who took five wickets for the second time in his first two county games. He is an interesting prospect if he can develop a more consistent line.

It was the second double century of Harper's career and the fifth scored so far this season. Powerful at times, delicate at others, he hit 25 fours and batted for 396 minutes but is still unlikely to displace Hooper from the Test team unless his off-spin is suddenly regarded as relevant.

Ambrose, immensely tall and possessing a wicket yorker, will be compared with Garner everywhere he goes this summer. He was genuinely quick on a pitch offering some life but it was Bishop, a shade shorter at only 6ft 5in, who had the edge in pace. Aged only 20, he is very much sixth choice at present but that might change.

Benjamin was fortunate to escape sanction after four successive short balls at Alan Wells but he too was menacing and when Parker's attractive two and a half hour innings ended, ironically against Hooper's spin, Sussex were on the rack.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

C G Greenidge c Gould b Bunting	15
D L Haynes c Gould b Babington	36
R B Richardson c Parker b Bunting	20
C L Hooper c Parker b Bunting	7
A L Logie lbw b Clarke	3
†I V A Richards c A P Wells b Pringle	128
R A Harper not out	217
W K M Benjamin c Clarke b C M Wells	10
†D Williams c Gould b Bunting	28
C E L Ambrose c Gould b Bunting	59
I R Bishop not out	9
Extras (b 9, lb 4, w 7, nb 9)	29
Total (9 wkts dec)	561

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-54, 3-75, 4-80, 5-84, 6-321, 7-349, 8-411, 9-534.
BOWLING: Bunting 35-3-161-5; Pringle 23-2-98-1; Babington 30-3-91-1; Clarke 30-2-118-1; C M Wells 22-5-67-1; Lenham 6-1-23-0.

SUSSEX: First innings

R I Alikhan c Richardson b Bishop	29
A M Green c Richards b Bishop	32
*P W G Parker c Haynes b Hooper	89
A P Wells b Benjamin	17
C M Wells c Williams b Benjamin	1
N J Lenham c Benjamin b Ambrose	12
N J Gould not out	8
M W Pringle not out	8
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 4, nb 3)	15
Total (6 wkts)	217

A R Clark, R A Bunting and A M Babington to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-79, 3-145, 4-147, 5-195, 6-195.
Umpires: B J Meyer and N T Plews.

Topley is defiant to the end

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire (3pts) drew with Essex (8)

Essex, despite doing their best to hand victory to Derbyshire, salvaged a draw thanks largely to the batting exploits of their main seam bowler, Don Topley, in their championship match yesterday.

Topley, who took a career-best seven for 75 in the first innings and finished with match figures of 12 for 179, had to block out 41 deliveries to the end of play — with the Derbyshire bowlers, Holding and Malcolm at full throttle.

Resuming their second innings at 216 for six, 105 runs ahead, Derbyshire appeared to be staring defeat in the face, but an unbeaten 159 from Bowler, the opening batsman, raised their hopes. He hit only 13 fours but was given good support by the tailenders and it was left to the experienced seamer, Lever, to claim the last three wickets, the last two less than 30 minutes into the afternoon session.

Holding added only three to his lunchtime tally of nine before Lever removed his middle stump. Last man, Jean-Jacques, snicked a straight-forward catch to East before he had scored.

Needing 185 to win, Essex started slowly, with only Gooch coming to terms with some lively but frequently wayward bowling. Gooch took 53 overs to reach 56 before falling leg before to Holding, leaving Essex facing a frantic last few overs to avoid defeat. But unlike the rest of the Essex batting, Topley and Pont mastered the Derbyshire attack to see out the last five overs.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 218 (K J Barnett 52; T D Topley 7 for 75).

Second Innings	
*K J Barnett c East b Topley	23
P D Bowler not out	159
B Roberts c Stephenson b Topley	14
J E Morris c East b Gooch	18
†B J M Maher lbw b Topley	13
A E Warner c Gooch b Topley	3
S C Goldsmith c Fletcher b Pont	52
D E Malcolm c East b Topley	7
P G Newman c Fletcher b Lever	18
M A Holding b Lever	12
M Jean-Jacques c East b Lever	0
Extras (b 1, lb 10, nb 10)	21
Total	340

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-61, 3-118, 4-159, 5-171, 6-216, 7-275, 8-312, 9-340.
BOWLING: Lever 33.3-2-102-3; Topley 45-11-104-5; Gooch 14-5-29-1; Pont 27-0-93-1.
ESSEX: First Innings 374 (A R Border 169 not out, G A Gooch 85, J P Stephenson 74; M A Holding 4 for 74).

Second Innings	
G A Gooch lbw b Holding	56
B R Hardie c Roberts b Newman	5
P R Prichard lbw b Warner	11
J P Stephenson run out	11
A R Border lbw b Malcolm	0
A W Lilley c Maher b Malcolm	8
*K W R Fletcher c Jean-Jacques b Warner	3
†D E East c Bowler b Warner	1
T D Topley not out	5
J K Lever b Malcolm	0
J L Pont not out	0
Extras (b 10, nb 1)	11
Total (9 wkts)	111

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-37, 3-55, 4-55, 5-71, 6-82, 7-86, 8-107, 9-108.
BOWLING: Holding 14-4-28-1; Newman 11-2-21-1; Malcolm 18-5-33-3; Warner 16-5-19-3; Jean-Jacques 1-1-0-0.
Umpires: J C Balderstone and A G T Whitehead.

Britannic Assurance county championship

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bwl	Pts
Worcs (9)	3	3	0	0	9	12	69
Middlesex (16)	3	3	0	0	6	10	64
Leics (5)	3	2	0	1	10	11	53
Essex (12)	3	1	1	1	7	9	34
Glouces (10)	3	1	1	1	7	8	31
Sussex (17)	2	1	0	1	5	8	30
Lancashire (2)	3	1	1	1	4	9	29
Warwicks (15)	2	1	0	1	3	8	27
Northants (7)	2	1	1	0	3	7	26
Surrey (4)	2	1	1	0	2	8	26
Derbyshire (6)	3	1	0	2	6	6	26
Hampshire (5)	2	1	1	0	1	8	25
Notts (1)	3	0	3	0	5	12	17
Glam (13)	2	0	1	1	7	6	13
Kent (14)	3	0	3	0	5	8	13
Somerset (11)	3	0	2	1	5	7	12
Yorkshire (8)	2	0	2	0	2	8	10

(1987 positions in brackets)

GOLF

Robertson shows fighting spirit

By Patricia Davies

England displayed a poor understanding of *entente cordiale* as they beat France by 16 points to 8 at the Berkshire yesterday.

France, a single point behind after the first day, won only one match, a foursome, and in the afternoon the Englishmen were true to their tradition of refusing to admit defeat, even in cases where it seemed prudent to do so.

Paul Broadhurst, jealous of his unbeaten record, in the top match, came back from three down after nine holes to beat Eric Giraud by 3 and 1. The Frenchman, who had seven birdies against Peter McEvoy on the first day, was subjected to some of his own treatment as Broadhurst picked up the shots at 10, 11, 13, 15 and 17.

That second nine, good though it was, was eclipsed by Alex Robertson, who came back in 31, five under the par to halve with Christophe Muniesa. After eight holes, Robertson was five down and his expression mirrored the drear day — the French shrugged it off as *brumeux* — until he changed his putting stroke.

A birdie four at the ninth hole started the recovery and five birdies in a row from the 13th also helped — although he lost the 13th to an eagle three and only halved the 15th. He won the last three holes, however, the 18th with a solid par three after his opponent had missed a shortish putt.

Wayne Henry and Gary Wolstenholme also fought back to halve their matches.

RESULTS: (English first): Foursomes: A Robertson (Seaton Carew) and R Eggo (L'Encrasse) bt E Giraud and T Level, 2 and 1; W Henry (Porters Park) and R Bardsley (Denton) lost to P Barquez and F Blouz, 2 and 1; D Curry (Prudhoe) and P Broadhurst (Aberdovey) bt A Godillot and C Muniesa, 7 and 5; G Wolstenholme (Leicestershire) and P McEvoy (Copthall Heath) bt P Ploujous and P Edmond, 2 and 1. Singles: Broadhurst bt Giraud, 3 and 1; Henry halved with Level, McEvoy bt Barquez, 2 and 1; Robertson halved with Muniesa; Eggo bt Godaillot, 4 and 2; K Weeks bt Edmond, 6 and 5; Wolstenholme halved with Blouz; Curry bt J C Cambon, 3 and 2. Overall: England 16 France 8.

YACHTING

Japanese switch target

The Japanese have turned their attention from the America's Cup to next year's fifth Whitbread round-the-world race (Barry Pickthall writes).

Katsumi Kobayashi, who paid $8 million (about £4.32 million) for Alan Bond's fleet of 12-metres just before Dennis Conner won the cup back from Australia last year, announced that he is to underwrite a challenge.

Harumobu Takeda, his right-hand man, will undoubtedly be at the helm of this first Japanese entry.

Takeda's first problem is to find a suitable boat, for with this 33,000-mile race starting from Portsmouth in September 1989, there is no time left to build one. Six months ago, it was possible to choose between many maxi designs after several projects stumbled financially.

Another unexpected entry comes from the Soviet Union, which is looking to compete for handicap rather than line honours in a 60-foot yacht.

Neale promises adventure

By Richard Streeton

TAUNTON: Worcestershire (23pts) beat Somerset (4) by an innings and 214 runs

Three successive championship wins on different types of pitch have left Phil Neale, the Worcestershire captain, confident that the county has the strength in depth to maintain its title challenge for the rest of the season. It took Worcestershire 90 minutes yesterday to complete a crushing victory in a match which will always be remembered for Graeme Hick's 405 not out.

Neale conceded it was early days and he knew that Middlesex had also won three matches, but it was encouraging, he said, that Worcestershire had won on a "square turner" at Manchester, in helpful conditions for seamers at Worcester, and on a slow, flat pitch here that had got better as the game went on.

"We have got a good start and it will be up to us to retain our positive approach," he said. "You can afford the odd setback if you keep trying to win, and it is going to be in our own interests to be adventurous." Neale said Worcestershire were well equipped for four-day cricket, which could be important when the last three of these longer matches are played at the end of the summer.

"These four-day games help to bring definite results, and the eventual champions are going to have to finish with more points than in the past." Neale felt it was encouraging that Worcestershire's good start had been achieved at a time when most of their batsmen were still struggling to find form.

Dilley and Botham finished wicketless in this game and Worcestershire owed much to Newport. He finished with six for 50 yesterday, which gave him 10 for 109 in the match. Somerset had resumed needing 263 to avoid an innings defeat, with four wickets in hand. Crowe was the only batsman likely to prolong things, and Radford dismissed him after 25 minutes.

This was Somerset's heaviest defeat in the championship since Gloucestershire beat them by an innings and 282 runs in 1925, and as Worcestershire drove away the Somerset players began extra practice in the nets.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 628 (G A Hick 405 not out, S J Rhodes 56).
SOMERSET: First Innings 222 (N V Radford 4 for 77).

Second Innings	
N A Felton c Rhodes b Newport	36
*P M Roebuck lbw b Radford	17
J J E Hardy b Newport	0
M D Crowe c Lord b Radford	53
R J Harden lbw b Newport	3
V J Marks c Hick b Newport	7
†N D Burns c Illingworth b Hick	11
G D Rose c Rhodes b Newport	30
N A Mallender lbw b Radford	1
C H Dredge c Curtis b Newport	17
A N Jones not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 1, nb 11)	14
Total	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-59, 3-62, 4-74, 5-90, 6-111, 7-154, 8-167, 9-185.
BOWLING: Dilley 14-2-40-0; Botham 6-2-25-0; Radford 17-6-39-3; Newport 15.3-3-50-6; Illingworth 11-4-20-0; Hick 11-4-15-1.
Umpires: R Julian and R Palmer.

New stage for Lillee

Dennis Lillee, fresh from a match-winning performance against Gloucestershire yesterday, will parade his talents in the unfamiliar cricket setting of Darlington today, when Northamptonshire take on Minor Counties in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Minor Counties include Phil Oliver, the former Warwickshire all-rounder who now plays for Staffordshire. Oliver retired from first-class cricket in 1982 with a hip injury but has since regained much of his mobility after surgery.

Paul Terry will be missing from the Hampshire team against Gloucestershire after damaging his left eye playing squash. Graham Cowdrey has a leg injury and is a doubtful starter for Kent

LEAGUE RESULTS

STODDARD CARPETS SCOTTISH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: West Lothian 159 for 8 dec, Perthshire 120; Forfarshire 90, Strathmore County 92 for 3, Aberdeenshire 181 for 7 dec, Ayrshire 45, Stirling County 125, Clackmannan County 111 for 7

D M HALL AND SON WESTERN UNION: Uddingston 106, Greenock 101 for 3, Kilmarnock 89, Kelburne 44; Ferguslie 100 for 9, Poloc 102 for 6, West of Scotland 192 for 8, Ayr 123 for 7, Drumpellier 188, Chidesdale 175 for 8

CAPITAL WINDOWS WELSH CHAMPIONSHIP: Gowerton 140, Cardiff 141 for 9, Llanelli 177 for 6, Swansea 178 for 1.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LEAGUE: Percy Main 112 for 8, South Northumberland 113 for 5; Tynedale 164 for 8, Alnwick 100 for 9, Blyth 195 for 6, Benwell Hill 137 for 8, Benwell 127 for 6, County Club 128 for 8, Ashington 151 for 8, Tynemouth 152 for 2; Morpeth 153 for 6, Backworth 105 for 4.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Wearmouth 147, Eppleton 150 for 5, Whitburn 148 for 6, Horden 152 for 2, Bunmoor 182 for 9, South Shields 118 for 5; Gateshead Fell 184 for 1, Sunderland 107, Philadelphia 107, Chester-le-Street 108 for 5, Durham City 181 for 4, Boldon 128 for 9; Seaham Harbour 175, North Durham 113 for 8.

GIROBANK NORTH YORKSHIRE AND SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Stockton 155 for 9, Thornaby 156 for 6; Darlington 137 for 9, Blackhall 54; Middlesbrough 221 for 3, Normanby Hall 131 for 8; Northallerton 186 for 7, Darlington RA 135 for 9, Hedcar 173 for 7, Marske 114, Scruthorpe 238 for 5, Saltburn 81, Guisborough 166 for 9, Norton 131 for 8, Bishop Auckland 149, Hartlepool 152 for 5

BRADFORD LEAGUE: First division: (Saturday) Bowling Old Lane 156 for 9, Bingley 157 for 1, Farsley 131, Baildon 83, Pudsey St Lawrence 208 for 5, Hanging Heaton 77 for 6; Saltaire 116, Manningham Mills 119, Spen Victoria 211 for 4, Idle 131 for 5, Lightcliffe 152 for 8, Undercliffe 156 for 4, East Bierley 232 for 3, Yorkshire Bank 111 for 6. (Sunday) Hanging Heaton 179 for 4, Baildon 91 for 8, Yorkshire Bank 155 for 9, Bowling Old Lane 157 for 7, East Bierley 218 for 7, Spen Victoria 170 for 7, Idle 151, Undercliffe 162 for 6, Manningham Mills 170 for 5, Lightcliffe 106 for 7, Bingley 206 for 9, Pudsey St Lawrence 118 for 7; Farsley 125, Saltaire 129.

MATTHEW BROWN LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Burnley 155 for 7, Accrington 166 for 7; Church 190 for 8, Bacup 197 for 2; Colne 232 for 8, Rishton 239 for 3, East Lancashire 96 for 4, Haslingden 93, Enfield 104, Lowerhouse 161 for 7, Ramsbottom 136 for 6, Todmorden 105, Rawtenstall 105 for 9, Nelson 106 for 4

BROTHER CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Walsden 88, Norden 89 for 3, Middleton 137 for 4, Hyde 136 for 9, Stockport 153 for 4, Crompton 79; Littleborough 153 for 4, Rochdale 148 for 8; Ashton 153 for 7, Milnrow 154; Radcliffe 123 for 8, Heywood 138 for 8; Oldham 90, Royton 175 for 7.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

	M	I	NO	R	HS	100	50	Ave
P W G Parker	2	4	3	245	101*	1	2	245.0
G A Hick	4	6	1	815	405*	2	2	163.0
P D Bowler	4	7	2	491	159*	2	–	98.20
G A Gooch	3	6	0	544	275	1	3	90.66
N D Burns	3	5	2	258	133*	1	1	86.00
G C Holmes	3	4	0	340	117	2	1	85.00
Asif Din	3	5	2	231	158*	1	1	77.00
M A Lynch	3	4	1	230	103*	1	1	76.66
A R Border	3	6	2	304	169*	1	1	76.00
C W J Athey	3	5	1	278	123	1	1	69.50
J J Whitaker	3	3	0	205	145	1	1	68.33
N E Briers	4	4	0	254	90	–	3	63.50
A J Lamb	3	5	1	243	101*	1	1	60.75
M W Gatting	3	6	0	364	210	1	2	60.66
M P Maynard	4	7	0	415	126	2	1	59.28
A R Butcher	3	4	0	234	166	1	–	58.50
R A Smith	3	6	2	233	118	1	1	58.25
T J Boon	4	4	0	227	131	1	–	56.75
J E Emburey	3	6	2	217	76*	–	2	54.25
K J Barnett	4	7	0	351	151	1	2	50.14

Qualification: 200 runs, avge 50.00 * denotes not out

● Not including Sussex v West Indians.

Bowling

	Over	Md	Runs	Wk	BB	5I	Ave
N F Williams	57.4	9	136	13	6-42	1	10.46
I A Greig	78.3	20	175	16	6-34	2	10.93
S J W Andrew	64.2	17	157	12	5-36	1	13.08
N G Cowans	112.4	35	231	17	4-20	–	13.58
A Walker	72.0	21	178	12	4-50	–	14.83
G C Small	119.0	42	244	16	5-29	3	15.25
P J Newport	54.1	8	199	13	6-50	1	15.30
J P Agnew	136.0	32	383	25	6-37	3	15.32
A R C Fraser	115.0	38	218	14	6-75	1	15.57
T M Alderman	141.0	39	328	19	5-75	1	17.26
C C Lewis	125.3	28	388	22	6-22	2	17.63
P G Newman	121.5	33	277	15	6-28	1	18.20
G R Dilley	78.5	6	242	13	5-50	1	18.61
N V Radford	92.1

EQUESTRIANISM

Badminton proves too much too early

By Jenny MacArthur

Only two riders, Ian Stark and Virginia Leng, have confirmed themselves as certainties for the Olympic shortlist — to be announced next Monday — as a result of last week's Whitbread championships at Badminton, the main selection trials for Seoul.

But the disappointing performances of several other Olympic contenders have not disturbed Henrietta Knight, the chairman of the selection committee. "It's made our job easier," she said yesterday, "because it's narrowed the field. We've taken no steps backwards as a result of Badminton."

Some riders might think otherwise: Mary Thomson went out of contention with a fall at the Normandy Bank from King Boris, Lucinda Green's only Olympic hope, Mins Lincoln, found Badminton too much too soon and was retired on the cross-country, Rodney Powell had a refusal at fence four with his main hope, The Irishman, but had a fine clear with his second horse, Special Appointment.

Those who did impress include Lorna Clarke, whose brilliant performance across country on Fearlath Mor must have earned her a place on the shortlist — despite their poor dressage. Rachel Hunt had two good rounds on Friday Fox and Aloaf — her fall from the latter at the Normandy Bank being an unlucky mishap rather than a serious error of judgement. The selectors must also be considering Karen Straker, the former junior champion, who finished fifth on the eight-year-old, Get Smart.

Stark's record-making first and second place with the Edinburgh Woollen Mills' Sir Wattie and Glenburnie ensured that he will start as one of the favourites for the gold medal at Seoul — alongside Leng, Mark Todd, New Zealand, and Bruce Davidson, of the United States.

It is a far cry from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics when Stark made his debut with the British team. Since then Stark has been on every championship team.

As the selectors have discovered that they have until July 2 (not May 17 as previously thought) to announce official Olympic entries, names will be added to the shortlist after the Punchestown three-day event in Ireland this weekend and Bramham in Yorkshire at the end of this month.

● The dates for next year's Whitbread championships at Badminton are April 27 to 30.

David Miller profiles the businessman behind the FA Cup Final underdogs

Cut-price route to Wembley

The majority of football followers are reluctant to take seriously Wimbledon's chances against Liverpool in the FA Cup Final on Saturday. That could be a serious misjudgement, most of all if made by Liverpool themselves, though they are too wise.

Even more miscalculating would be for football as a whole to underestimate, or worse to ignore, the long-term assessment of the man whose principles have steered diminutive Wimbledon from obscurity to the footlights.

Sam Hammam is a well-travelled Lebanese businessman and building constructor who lived mainly in Dubai and the United States until he moved permanently to England last year. In 1977, on an impulse, knowing nothing of football or the Football League, never mind the offside law, he became the majority shareholder in the newly arrived fourth division club. It was hardly a coup, available for anyone with a few pounds in his pocket, at a club where the record attendance was, and still is, at a pre-war Amateur Cup tie.

During 11 seasons, in which Wimbledon were twice relegated back to the fourth division before going from the fourth to the first division in three seasons, Hammam has almost anonymously run the club as managing director. He is a confirmed Anglophile who seeks to save football from some of its follies, such as chairmen and managers who build grandstands or buy players which their club cannot possibly afford.

"When a club does not control its manager, it cannot expect anything but problems," Hammam says. "Wimbledon is not a fairy-tale. We have simple plans, the same as Liverpool. If a club has an average manager, and never has to *sell* a player, it stands to reason that the team should get better every month, either as it matures or as non-League players are bought who improve it."

Hammam has never allowed Wimbledon to buy players with money that was not already earned and available. He gives the manager strict wage and bonus limits, including club cars, and he has placed restrictions on the number of away matches for which an overnight stay is allowed during the season. No change of manager, therefore, can radically alter the financial security of the club.

"We planted seeds, we didn't buy trees," Hammam says. The team that reached the first division was basically the former cup-winning youth team.

Hammam applies the same business acumen to plans for improving Wimbledon's tiny, former Isthmian League ground. "There is no stadium in England worthy of the 1980s," he says dismissively, conscious that, other than for a minority of executive box sponsors, no club satisfactorily caters for the comfort of season ticket-holders with adequate catering, toilet and parking facilities.



Top man: Sam Hammam, Wimbledon director since an impulse purchase 11 years ago (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Arsenal and Liverpool may have their large attendances, financing the transfer of top players. But Hammam intends to finance his club a different way: by building a stadium adjacent to Plough Lane, for no more than 20,000, with every convenience, that will attract family audiences rather than the rowdy, beer-swilling hecklers.

"In the year 2020, Manchester United will not be getting 40,000 crowds," he predicts. "We are, more and more, competing with other sports."

What worries Hammam is that exposure to the limelight itself presents a threat to Wimbledon, the smallest club in the division, that the better Wimbledon players, such as Fashanu and Wise, will not remain at Plough Lane for wages substantially lower than available elsewhere. "Wembley opens new dimensions for the players," Hammam says. "Once it was El Dorado for us just to play at Plymouth. Now our players are in the same league as Liverpool, yet the club is not. There is the danger."

Detractors will round upon them accusingly and say that their aggressive, functional and sometimes unscrupulous football deserves no better, and that their defeat by Liverpool, "the team of the year", at Wembley this week is the only acceptable result for the good of the game. Hammam and Don Howe, the coach who assists Bobby Gould, the manager, strenuously deny this.

"Tell me we're deliberately dirty, and you're wrong. Tell me we're tough and you're damn right," Hammam says. The five sendings off, 51 bookings and 17 penalties against them, are, he insists, a reflection of impressionable referees reacting against an unfashionable club. Being physically tough, making other clubs worried about playing them, has been a necessary part of Wimbledon's psychology Hammam claims.

Howe says: "Wimbledon don't stop the development of technique in the rest of the first division. But other clubs find our style difficult to play against. Their defenders are not used to pressure on all four of them simultaneously from our 4-2-4 formation." Howe acknowledges, none the less, that intimidation was built into the system inherited from Dave Bassett.

For the time being, Wimbledon will persist with long forward balls, high crosses and "reachers", the expedient pass into the attacking third of the field. "It is naive of anyone to expect us, with our resources, to try to play the same way as Liverpool," Hammam says. And the truth is that Liverpool, for all their magical play this season, are nowhere near sure of victory against Hammam's economy outfit.

FOOTBALL

Bingham's future the only doubt as campaign nears

By George Ace

The Northern Ireland players assemble next Sunday at their team's hotel headquarters just outside Belfast. The following Saturday, they open their group six World Cup campaign against Malta at Windsor Park.

Billy Bingham, the manager, says he can see a pattern emerging that promises well for Northern Ireland's hopes of reaching the finals for the third time in succession. He believes the players are in the right frame of mind and is confident that, after draws against Poland and France, they will see off Malta in style.

Only one cloud lingers on the horizon. Bingham has still not replied to a letter from the Irish Football Association (IFA), outlining its offer of a new contract — a letter which Bingham has had for nearly two months. On his recent visit for the match against France, he would not be drawn on the subject: "I have still nearly a year of my current contract to run; there is no hurry. I have had no contractual difficulties in the past and I do not envisage any in the future."

But if the terms of the new contract were to Bingham's liking, it seems reasonable to assume that he would already have accepted them.

He let it be known some time ago that he would like a contract lasting until the end of 1992, thus taking in the next European championship scheduled for that year. And it is the difference between the length of the contract that the manager would like and the one the IFA has offered that has caused the problem.

Bingham has been, by far, Northern Ireland's most successful manager. The team reached the World Cup quarter-finals in Spain in 1982 and were again at the finals in Mexico two years ago. With the players Bingham has had at his disposal, those two feats were comparable to scaling Everest. He also had a fine record in the now defunct home international series, which provided a steady source of income for the IFA. And it is finance and nothing else that is keeping the contract between Bingham and the IFA in limbo.

There is no argument about the merits of Bingham's case for a contract lasting until 1992. But participation in the World Cup is an expensive business — it is estimated that Northern Ireland's warm-up games against Greece, Poland and France made a loss of £65,000 — and the IFA is not wealthy. An international match at Windsor Park often entails a considerable loss — the games last year against Yugoslavia and Turkey in the European championship proved the point: the combined gate fell short of 9,000.

However, it is most important that nothing should distract the manager from the task of guiding his party to the finals. That task may be difficult but Bingham has provided ample evidence that he is equipped to deal with it.

Bingham has mastered the art of motivation and is a shrewd tactician. The IFA must show its faith in him. It will survive no matter what happens in the next four years, and fresh thinking over the contract should be forthcoming without undue delay. An amicable settlement would give immense satisfaction to the vast majority of football followers within Northern Ireland.

Ogrizovic wants to move

Coventry City have received a setback with a transfer request from their goalkeeper, Steve Ogrizovic. The written demand took the club manager, John Sillett, by surprise after Ogrizovic had completed his sixth consecutive season without missing a cup or League appearance. He played a prominent part in their FA Cup triumph last season.

"This is for personal reasons and purely between the club and myself," Ogrizovic said yesterday. "I know the club are on record as saying they will not keep any dissatisfied players."

Ogrizovic's request will not go before the board until after the club's forthcoming tour to Hong Kong and Kenya. Sillett hinted that the goalkeeper's discontent centred on money. "It seems he wants to improve his contract which has 12 months to run," he said.

● Doncaster Rovers, who have been relegated from the third division, are to receive a £90,000 loan from the local council during the summer, to help keep the club afloat for next season. Gordon Gallimore, the Doncaster Council leader, said the exploits of the youth team which reached the FA Youth Cup final, showed that the club had a long-term future.

Ellis holds sway over finances

By Dennis Shaw

Doug Ellis, the Aston Villa chairman, insisted last night that it would be "quite stupid" to name the figure he is prepared to allow the club's manager, Graham Taylor, to spend on new players.

"There will be the maximum amount of cash possible made available to the manager to build for the first division but there is no way I would publicly specify how much," Ellis said.

In the afterglow of promotion, gained on goal difference last Saturday at Swindon, there have been hints of a dispute between the pair on how much it will cost to make Villa a major force again. Taylor, in a hurry to make the famous old club one the country's best after leaving a secure job at Watford, is known to want at least £2 million urgently.

During the period of his three-year contract he is said to see it as £6 million operation. "Graham knows the financial facts here," Ellis said. "He looks after playing affairs, I take care of the finance."

Despite Ellis's cautionary attitude, Taylor is sticking to his guns and aiming high. "There are going to be a lot of comings and goings."

Coyle back at Linfield

Darrin Coyle has rejoined Linfield after a two-year spell at Everton (George Ace writes). Coyle, aged 23, the son of the Linfield manager, Roy Coyle, assisted the club while on loan from Goodison Park during the Christmas period when Linfield put together a string of six victories.

Coyle was out of the game for nine months during his sojourn with Everton owing to a double fracture of his right leg. "My injury did my chances no good at Goodison and I was not surprised when my contract was not renewed. Still, it has left me with a point to prove at Windsor next season."

● Tommy Jackson, the Glentoran manager, received the Manager of the Year award last night at the Northern Ireland Football Writers' Association banquet. Glentoran won four trophies this season, including the league and cup double for the first time since 1951.

BOXING

Missile men face Cubans

By Jonathan Rendall

When Cuba, who trounced the United States 10-2 in Atlantic City two weeks ago, conclude their first visit to Britain at the Caird Hall, Dundee, tonight, they will find Americans in the opposite corner.

A Combined British team has enlisted Denby Brown and Louie Antuna, US servicemen stationed at Faslane Bay, the Scottish Polaris base, to bolster their chances against a country which won seven of the 12 weight categories at the 1986 world championships.

On the evidence of their 6-3 defeat by Ireland in Dublin last Friday, Cuba have not brought their strongest side. That was their first reverse for many a year, although in mitigation they were probably jet-lagged and they lost several of the contests by majority decisions. Tonight they should be sharper.

For the Combined side, Roy Nash, the Irish featherweight who appeared in Dublin, will be hoping to strengthen his Olympic claim while his fellow countryman, Paul McCullough, boxes at light-middle.

Sensibly, the Scottish ABA has decided not to contest any weight above 11st 10lb, although George Watson, the Scottish middleweight champion, still faces a daunting task in the shape of Ivan Camacho, who knocked out the Irish champion, Ray Close, in Dublin.

COMBINED BRITISH TEAM: Light-flyweight: B Carr (Scot). Fly: J McLean (Scot). Bantam: D Brown (US). Feather: R Nash (Ire). Light: L Crampsey (Scot). Light-welter: D Hassan (Eng). Welter: L Antuna (US). Light-middle: P McCullough (Ire). Middle: G Watson (Scot).

CYCLING

Rule-bending likely for Raleigh

The powerful Raleigh-Banana professional team, excluded from the Milk Race when failing to qualify for one of the two vacancies for United Kingdom squads, may start in this month's 1,100-mile race after all inclusion attracted," Len Unwin, secretary of the British Cycling Federation (BCF), said yesterday. He added that the BCF would support a British professional team filling a vacancy even if it meant breaking the international ruling that predominantly amateur events must include no more than one third professionals in the entry.

"If a team dropped out at this late stage, we would be prepared to stand any 'flak' that Raleigh's

The Milk Race, starting from Westminster Bridge on May 30, has invited 16 six-man teams for the event.

It is understood that the BCF had pressed the race sponsor, the National Dairy Council, to make the professional element entirely British.

SQUASH RACKETS

Change in scoring is adopted

Amsterdam — The International Squash Players Association (ISPA) yesterday announced that from January 1989 its grand prix international circuit will adopt the American scoring system and implement other rule changes which have been tried throughout the past season (Colin McQuillan writes).

The annual general meeting of ISPA, held on a rest day between the first and the second rounds of the NCM world open championship in Amsterdam, decided overwhelmingly to change from the traditional international nine point hand-in and hand-out scoring pattern to the point-per-rally system developed for the 15-point North American hardball version of the game.

Among other changes for the professional circuit for next year will include front-wall tins lowered from 19in to 17in, one service instead of two, and two minutes rest between games instead of the traditional 60 seconds.

VOLLEYBALL

English clubs ponder a return to Europe

English clubs are likely to make a return to European club competition next season after missing out on the 1987-88 campaign when Britain's only representatives were the Scottish clubs, MIM Livingston and Kyle (Roddy Mackenzie writes).

A spokesman from the English Volleyball Association said yesterday that Mabory, Sale and Arsenal Britannia have all expressed interest in a return. Sale, who won the women's first division title and took on the mantle of unofficial British champions by beating Kyle, the Scottish champions, twice (3-2 and 3-0) over the weekend in Ayrshire, intend to enter the European Confederation Cup in preference to the Champions' Cup.

Arsenal, who finished runners-up in the English women's first division, travel north this weekend to compete in the Provincial Insurance British club championships in Edinburgh. A record 43 clubs competed in the NatWest County Cup in Leeds at the weekend with Merseyside beating West Yorkshire in the men's final, and Essex defeating Surrey in the women's event.

ROWING

Wood's double victory

The good news from Ghent was the British crews enjoying success at the Belgium open championship, claiming 24 victories (Jim Railton writes).

Carrie-Anne Wood, the 1986 world silver medal winner in lightweight double sculls, was twice a winner in single sculls and the British women's heavyweight eight beat the Dutch, West German, and Belgian crews by 47 seconds.

The men's heavyweight squad won their eight and then split into winning fours. The lightweight eight were a close second to a French national crew.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Explosion in dressing-room

Buenos Aires — A bomb was thrown into the San Lorenzo dressing-room before the match with Instituto de Córdoba, Osvaldo Ardiles's former club, causing the referee to cancel the match.

Zacarias lost two litres of blood from a severed artery. San Lorenzo are now two of the points adrift of Newell's Old Boys with three games left in the league championship.

In the Greek cup final, the referee booked nine players and sent off Batsinilas, of Panathinaikos. Yet Panathinaikos still celebrated an entrance to the European Cup Winners' Cup when Sarganis, the goalkeeper, saved twice for a 6-5 victory on penalties over Olympiakos Piraeus after the sides were tied at 2-2 after extra time.

In Italy, Maradona, missing from the Napoli line-up for the first time this season, left Fiorentina in tears after the 3-2 loss left his side two points adrift of AC Milan. Gullit's side was left goalless by Juventus, who are still dourly chasing a UEFA Cup place, but now AC Milan need only to draw at Como on Sunday to clinch the title.

Monaco have virtually sealed the French championship after a 1-1 draw with Nantes to remain five points clear of Bordeaux.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: National division: Leeds Cougars 38, Manchester All Stars 25; Manchester Spartans 26, Glasgow Lions 8; Birmingham Bulls 26, Nottingham Hoods 17; Northants Stormbringers 19, Fylde Falcons 26 London Olympians 11, Leicester Panthers 19 London Ravens 79, Bournemouth Bobcats 13

ATHLETICS

COLUMBUS (Ohio). Jesse Owens classic: Mens: High jump: 1, T McCants (US), 2.36m (US record). 2, J Carter (US), 2.36. Women: Shot: R Pagel (US), 19.57m (US record).

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Houston Astros 7, Montreal Expos 2; New York Mets 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; Pittsburgh Pirates Mets 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, San Diego Padres 2; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Atlanta Braves 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 12, St Louis Cardinals 5; Chicago Cubs 13, San Francisco Giants 7. **American League:** Baltimore Orioles 6, Chicago White Sox 5; Boston Red Sox 10, Minnesota Twins 0; Milwaukee Brewers 6, Kansas City Royals 2; Texas Rangers 10, New York Yankees 8; California Angels 8, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Oakland As 5, Cleveland Indians 1, Detroit Tigers 9, Seattle Mariners 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East division

	Won	Lost	Pct	GB
New York Mets	21	7	.750	—
Pittsburgh Pirates	19	10	.655	2½
Chicago Cubs	15	14	.517	6½
Montreal Expos	14	14	.500	7
St Louis Cardinals	12	17	.413	9½
Philadelphia Phillies	10	17	.370	10½

West division

LA Dodgers	18	9	.666	—
Houston Astros	16	12	.571	2½
Cincinnati Reds	14	15	.466	5½
San Francisco Giants 14	16	.466	5½	
San Diego Padres	10	18	.357	8½
Atlanta Braves	7	20	.259	11

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East division

New York Yankees	20	11	.645	—
Detroit Tigers	18	11	.620	1
Milwaukee Brewers	17	11	.607	1½
Cleveland Indians	17	12	.586	2
Boston Red Sox	16	12	.571	2½
Toronto Blue Jays	13	17	.433	6½
Baltimore Orioles	8	25	.137	15

West division

Oakland A's	23	7	.766	—
Chicago White Sox	14	14	.500	8
Kansas City Royals	14	16	.466	9
Texas Rangers	13	15	.448	9½
Seattle Mariners	14	18	.437	10
Minnesota Twins	11	17	.393	11
California Angels	12	19	.387	11½

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA). Play-offs: Final round (best of five games): Eastern Conference: Detroit Pistons 99, Washington Bullets 78 (Detroit won 3-2); Chicago Bulls 107, Cleveland Cavaliers 101 (Chicago won 3-2); Atlanta Hawks 121, Milwaukee Bucks 111 (Atlanta won 3-2). Second round (best of seven games): Western Conference: Los Angeles Lakers 110, Utah Jazz 91 (Los Angeles lead 1-0).

BOXING

BANGKOK: World Boxing Association bantamweight championship (12 rnds): Khaokor Galaxy (Thailand) bt Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico, holder) pts.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCH: Old Boys 107, Geoconstoun 108-9.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying round: Trinidad and Tobago 1, Guyana 0.

WOMEN'S UEFA CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Qualifying match: Denmark 2, England 0.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE

Final tables

Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carthusians	16	9	4	3	35	20	22
Chigwellians	16	8	4	4	33	24	20
Brentwoods	16	7	4	5	32	25	18
Cholmeleians	16	6	4	6	36	28	16
Salopians	16	5	4	7	26	32	14
Reptonians	16	4	6	6	28	28	14
Malvernians	16	4	6	6	22	28	14
Foresters	16	5	4	7	29	36	14
Etonians	16	3	3	9	25	47	11

Champions: Carthusians
Relegated: Foresters and Etonians.

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lancing	16	12	2	2	50	17	26
Harrovians	16	10	3	3	41	23	23
Bradfordians	16	10	2	4	37	20	22
Aldenhamians	16	8	3	5	36	31	19
Wellingtonians	16	8	2	6	35	29	18
Westminsters	16	6	3	7	30	32	15
Gaysers	16	4	1	11	27	37	9
Aldenham	16	2	2	12	23	49	6
Wykehamists	16	3	0	13	18	54	6

Promoted: Lancing and Harrovians.
Relegated: Aldenians and Wykehamists.

MOTOR RACING

VALLELUNGA (Italy): Rome Formula 3,000 Grand Prix: 1, G Forek (Switz), Lola, thr, 53min 49.83sec; 2, B Cecchini (Bel), Reynard, 1:13:56.92; 3, O Grouillard (Fr), Lola, 1:13:58.41; 4, R Moreno (Br), Reynard, 1:13:58.61; 5, M Blundel (Eng), Lola, 1:13:59.04; 6, M Trolle (Fr), Lola, 1:14:26.60.

SILVERSTONE: Autosport 1000-kilometre sports car endurance race: 1, M Brundle and E Cheever (Jaguar XJR-9), 216 laps, 4hr 59min 49.59sec; 2, J-L Schlesser and J Mass (Sauber Mercedes C-9), 210, 4:51:24.20; 3, M-J Baldi and J Weaver (Sauber Mercedes C-9) 208, 4:51:50.64; 4, D Bell and T Needell (Porsche 962), 205, 4:51:17.84.

GOLF

QUINTA DA MARINHA (Portugal): EMS women's masters: Final scores (GB and Ireland unless stated): 213: L Martz (Sui), 72, 74, 67. 216: A Nicholas, 74, 74, 68; M Thurlason (Swe), 74, 71, 71; T Abbott (Sui), 72, 72, 72; K Lunn (Aus), 71, 70, 75. 217: C Dibnah (Aus), 70, 72, 75. 218: S Moon (US), 76, 71, 71; C Panton, 71, 71, 76. 220: M Garner, 75, 70, 75.

GALWAY: Carnegie youth championship: Final scores: 286: K Kearney (Limerick), 70, 74, 75, 77. 296: L Walker (Grange), 73, 70, 77, 76. 298: D Cunningham (Galway), 72, 76, 76, 75. 301: B Kinsella (Skerries), 78, 76, 78, 69. **PORTSMOUTH (Virginia): Greater Hampton tournament:** Pro scores (US unless stated): 208: J Inkster 70, 70, 68; B King 69, 68, 72; N Lopez 71, 66, 70; R Jones 73, 66, 70. Inkster won sudden-death play-off. 210: S Turner 68, 68, 74; M Bartscot 69, 69, 73; A Alcott 71, 70, 69. 211: H Farr 72, 68, 71. 212: L Adams 70, 71, 71; A Finney 72, 71, 69; C Walker 69, 73, 70. 213: T Johnson (GB), 71, 72, 70.

LAS VEGAS: Invitational tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 271: G Koch, 68, 73, 68, 67. 275: C Mann, 71, 68, 68, 70; M O'Meara, 65, 75, 68, 68. 276: C Bynum, 65, 72, 67, 72; R Fehr 67, 74, 67, 68; G Sauers, 69, 71, 68, 68; D Campo, 71, 69, 68, 68; J Sindelar, 70, 72, 68, 66. 277: D Hammond, 69, 75, 68, 68; P Stewart, 70, 72, 68, 68.

WALTON HEATH: *Daily Mail/Golf Illustrated* gold vase: 141: M Turner (Rushmere), 70, 71. 147: J O'Shea (Ealing), 74, 73. 150: V Cox (West Essex), 74, 76; P Hurring (Cottesmore), 73, 77; J Davies (Manningtree Ham), 78, 72. 151: Rebecca (Orsett) 75, 76; J Ambridge (West Herts), 77, 73.

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,459pts; 2, A Lyle (GB), 1,252; 3, B Langer (WG), 1,063; 4, S Ballesteros (Spl), 1,051; 5, C Strange (US), 855; 6, I Woosnam (GB), 807; 7, B Crenshaw (US), 796; 8, L Wadkins (US), 729; 9, M McNulty (SA), 701; 10, C Beck (US), 694.

HOCKEY

LEICESTER: Women's exhibition match: England XI 2, President's XI 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Stanley Cup: Wales conference (best of seven matches): New Jersey Devils 3, Boston Bruins 1 (series level 2-2).

MOTO-CROSS

MORON DE LA FRONTERA (Spain): 125cc Spanish Grand Prix: First race: 1, J M Bayle, (Fr), Honda, 29pts; 2, J Forest (Berks RC), Honda, 25pts; 3, D Chagnon (Neth), Cagiva, 3. M Healy (US), Cagiva. Second race: 1, Bayle, 25pts; 2, Healy, 3, Simpson. World championship positions: 1, Bayle, 186pts; 2, Simpson, 176.

SPEEDWAY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: British semi-final (at Oxford): 1, G Wigg (Oxford), 13pts; equal 2, J Doncaster (Ipswich) and J Davis (Kings Lynn), 12.

GRAND SLAM: Semi-final: 1, J Rasmussen (Rye House), 12pts; 2, P Woods (Rye House), 12; 3, N Spershott (Milton Keynes), 12.

ROWING

GHENT: Belgian open championships (British winners): Men: Coxless pairs: Leander, 7min 35.26sec. Quadruple sculls: ARA, 6.20.90. Coxless fours: ARA, 6.39.33. Coxless fours: Kingston upon Thames Imperial College, 6.58.51. Coxed fours, heavyweights: ARA, 6.47.93. Junior men: Under-16: Single sculls: J Attewell, 8.00.46. Coxed fours: Emanuel-Marlow-Shiplake, 8.14.45. Eights: Hampton, 7.40.32. Under-18: Double sculls: Harrison, 6.42.34. Coxless pairs: Kingston School, 6.06.75. Women: Lightweight single sculls: C-A Wood, (ARA), 9.03.46. Quadruple sculls: ARA, 7.29.82. Coxless fours, lightweights: ARA 1, 7.26.25. Coxed fours: ARA, 7.44.32. Eights: Leander A: ARA, 6.50.19.

PUTNEY: Vesta Dashes: Men: Single sculls: Senior two: R Lonergan (Ouriol), 2. Coxless pairs: P Maslano-Smith and M Hanlee (Ouriol), 1½l. Senior three: Lonergan, easily. Coxless fours: Senior one: Nonsuch, 1½l. Senior two: Thames RC, 1½l. Coxed fours: Senior one: Furnivall, 1l. Senior three: Thames tradesmen, 1l. Eights: Open: Quintin, Kingston, Vesta, 3l. Senior one: Thames tradesmen, 2½. Senior two: Latymer Upper School, 3¼l. Senior three: Signet, Cambridge. Women: Coxed fours: Senior one: National Westminster, 1½l. Senior three: Thames Tradesmen, ¾l.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Fixtures 24, West Hull 22; Leigh Miners 43, Hunslet 22.

RUGBY UNION

FRENCH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Toulon 21, Toulouse 9; Tarbes 13, Brive 6; Agen 22, Racing Club de France 15; Narbonne 26, Begles 20.

SHOOTING

AUSTRALIA: Governor General's bicentennial trophy: International service rifle match: 1, British Army, 2,276pts; 2, US Army, 2,260; 3, Australian Army, 2,214.

BISLEY: London and Middlesex open pistol meeting: Men: Championship aggregate: B Girling, 1,699. **Service pistol A:** E Taylor, 159. **Service pistol B:** T Hewson, 113. **Team: Aldrich Blount,** 533. **Rapid fire:** M Jay, 591. **Standard handguns:** M Cullen, 583. **Women:** C Page, 583. **Free pistol:** P Leatherdale, 544. **Standard pistol:** D Ward, 564. **Air pistol:** Mrs Page, 383. **Police pistol:** Hewson, 286.

BISLEY: Berkshire short-range championships: Coswigs one (open): 1, P Drew (Windsor), 99/15; 2, J Forest (Berks RC), 99/13; 3, T Hampson (Berks RC), 98. **Coswigs trophy (closed):** Forest, 99. **Hewlett Packard trophy (juniors):** 1, Harrison, 98; 2, S Smallwood (Berks RC), 93; 3, S Matheson (Bradfield College), 92. **Huntley and Palmer cup (women):** E Wych (Windsor), 91.

SNOOKER

ROTHMANS MATCHROOM LEAGUE: S Davis (Eng) bt J White (Eng), 8-0; S Hendry (Scot) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 8-2. **Final positions:** 1, Davis, 20pts; 2, Hendry, 15; 3, White, 14.

SQUASH RACKETS

VALKENSWAARD (Netherlands): World open championship: Men's singles: First round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt H Frieling (Neth), 9-3, 9-0, 9-1; P Kenyon (Eng) bt H Jahan (Eng), 9-3, 9-5, 9-1; C Robertson (Aus) bt M Bodenkeeper (Eng), 5-9, 9-3, 9-0, 9-2; B Beeson (Eng) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 9-2, 9-7, 9-6; R Norman (NZ) bt G Briars (Eng), 9-1, 9-6, 9-6; G Williams (Eng) bt P Whelock (Eng), 9-4, 9-3, 9-5; D Harris (Eng) bt R Thorne (Aus), 9-5, 9-6, 6-9, 9-3; Martin Wall (NZ) bt D Zaman (Pak), 9-7, 4-9, 9-5, 9-1; N Harvey (Eng) bt J Hickox (Eng), 9-5, 9-7, 9-7; R Martin (Aus) bt R Eyles (Aus), 9-3, 9-4, 9-1; M Ahmed (Pak) bt Z Jahan (Pak), 10-8, 9-1, 9-7; C Dittmar (Aus) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 9-7, 9-4, 9-2; S Martin (Aus) bt Mir Z Gul (Pak), 9-6, 9-7, 4-9, 9-4; Umar H Khan (Pak) bt F Johnson (Swe), 9-3, 9-4, 9-1; R Hill (Aus) bt J-U Soderberg (Swe), 9-4, 9-0, 9-1; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt A Azarraga (Aus), 9-1, 9-0, 9-2.

TABLE TENNIS

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MIDDLESBROUGH: Durham county championships: Finals: Men: M Baldridge bt R Plews, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4. **Women:** J Morton bt J Brews 6-1, 6-3.

YACHTING

COPENHAGEN SPRING CUP: Final positions: Fins: 1, W Lisenfeld (WG); 2, L Crapon (GB); 3, L Hjornaes (Den). 470: **Men:** 1, L Lunggreen (Swe); 2, K Knakanura (Japan); 3, R Schulz (WG). **British placings:** 6, K Sprout; 10, J Belben; 21, M Holmes. **Women:** 1, S Meyer (WG); 2, J Stenzler (WG); 3, N Ambrasis (WG). **British placings:** 5, C Foster; 12, K Hedgecock. **Star:** 1, H Wallen (Swe); 2, D Howlett (GB); 3, P Sundelin (Sweden). **Other British placing:** 8, M McIntyre.

ALASSIO (Italy): Soling: Race one: 1, D Usturoi (Nor); 2, T Chelli (It); 3, H Nak (EG). **British placings:** 21, G Cowles; 35, R Bowman. **Race two:** 1, J Schumm (EG); 2, J Kostelli (US); 3, B Wilmot (Aus). **British placings:** 11, L Smith; 27 G Charles.

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League's choirboy face is scarred

By Keith Macklin

The shock, shame and disbelief felt throughout Rugby League after Sunday's crowd scenes at Widnes may be likened to the feelings of fond parents who discover that their choirboy son is a drug addict.

Hooliganism and crowd violence on this scale have never before been experienced on a Rugby League ground and those who witnessed the sordid scenes are still reeling with disgust and horror. The Widnes club secretary, John Stringer, believes that soccer-style organized gangs of hooligans are infiltrating Rugby League, a feeling that is winning wide support among other club officials.

Until this season the 13-a-side code could justifiably boast — and did — that its image was that of a clean family sport where crowd problems were unknown, where supporters engaged in nothing worse than good-humoured banter and only a handful of bobbies were required to keep order.

Just over a week ago 95,000 people watched the Challenge Cup final at Wembley, with only minor crowd problems caused by a degree of ineptitude in the stadium's ticket distribution and shepherding. All was the usual warmth and happy camaraderie.

This season there have been several recorded brawls, including one big one between the players of Warrington and Wigan at Wilderspool. In an attempt to cool the situation, the bulk of the £2,500 fines on these clubs was suspended, but now the most severe penalties, even going as far as temporary ground closure, are bound to be mooted.

Sunday at Naughton Park, Widnes, was horrifying. It started with a wild punch from a Warrington player, which set off a brawl in which both sides sailed into each other. The battle raged on to the touchlines and containing walls and then on to the terraces, where the wild ones among the spectators pitched into each other and manhandled players.

Des Drummond, the Warrington and Great Britain winger, was so incensed when one spectator raced on to the pitch and threatened him that he allegedly struck him. A small boy, knocked from the wall, was carried away unconscious. Police took 10 minutes to restore order and clear the pitch but by then the wholesome image of Rugby League had been savagely tarnished.

Yesterday Rugby League headquarters in Leeds was besieged by telephone calls to such an extent that eventually David Oxley, the secretary general, and David Howes, the public relations officer, were "out". A terse statement was issued saying: "We are awaiting reports from the referee, the two clubs involved and the police before deciding what course of action to take."

That is the understandable public front as emotions and tempers are allowed to cool but privately both men are known to be shocked and dismayed by this latest scar on what has hitherto been the carefully nurtured face of Rugby League.

A statement from Cheshire County Police said that the force would be interviewing and taking statements from eyewitnesses, including Drummond himself. This is a worrying development for the player, who is due to fly out to Australasia with the touring team next Monday, since there must be a threat of a charge of disrepute from the League.

John Stringer, the Widnes secretary, hinted at a possible ingredient in Sunday's scenes that is causing increasing alarm within the sport. He said: "Some of our supporters have told us that a gang of youths got on a train near Liverpool and openly boasted that, because there was no crowd segregation at Widnes, they would be able to cause bother."

A Warrington supporter, who asked not to be identified, said: "At one end of the ground, before the kick-off, a gang of Scousers were already stirring up trouble." This follows allegations, strong but as yet unproven, that when Salford met Wigan in the Challenge Cup semi-final at Bolton, the eruption of violence among so-called Salford supporters was triggered by soccer hooligans seeking a new amphitheatre.

Stringer added: "We are very worried about this because Widnes has always been known as a peaceful club with well-behaved supporters. If the players want to belt hell out of each other on the pitch, that is their decision and they can face the disciplinary committee. When spectators start fighting it is frightening."

The extent to which Sunday's events have cast a black shadow over the sport is illustrated by Stringer's clinching statement: "I've had more than 150 calls today. Not one has been about next Sunday's premiership finals at Old Trafford. Every one has been about what happened on Sunday."

Several club officials to whom I spoke yesterday were gloomily unanimous. The time may be close at hand when Rugby League's cherished open house family atmosphere will need to be tempered with segregation and invasion-proof barriers. Suddenly and unexpectedly, the clean sport is on trial at Old Trafford next Sunday.

END COLUMN

Football roulette wins big rake-off

By Louise Taylor

While footballers and managers view the impending play-offs with a mixture of tension and tiredness, club accountants and commercial managers are relishing the prospect of extra revenue.

In almost every case bumper crowds are virtually assured. Just as public executions acted as a magnet to the masses in days gone by, so football fans take a perverse delight in torturing themselves by watching their team submit itself to the Football League's version of Russian roulette.

"The play-offs will certainly help our cash flow," Derek Dooley, the Sheffield United managing director, said yesterday. "Our financial position is not very good so the extra money will help with overheads at a time when we are lacking regular Saturday match-day income and before the start of season ticket sales."

Dooley estimates that United stand to profit by around £40,000 from their semi-final with Bristol City alone. Success in the final could finance the signing of a new player to help improve the club's second division standing next season.

Profits vary club to club

All clubs involved in the semi-finals will receive 25 per cent of the aggregate gate receipts from the two matches in their divisional group with the other 50 per cent being divided equally among all teams in their division. In the finals, each side will take 25 per cent of the gate receipts from the match while the remaining 50 per cent is shared out as before.

Profits will inevitably vary from club to club. Whereas last year's first division finalists, Charlton Athletic, made £75,000 as semi-finalists, Ipswich Town, profited by a comparatively paltry £12,000. However, had they succeeded in making the play-offs this year, Crystal Palace were confident of earning in the region of £250,000 from both rounds.

But Torquay United anticipate a windfall of no more than £2,000 to £3,000 from their efforts to escape the fourth division. "Because our ground capacity is only 5,000 we expect to make less from the play-offs than we would from an ordinary League match where we can keep the total profit," David Turner, the club secretary, said yesterday.

Indeed, had the Devonians landed themselves a plum FA or Littlewoods Cup tie with a top first division side they could have boasted a far greater profit margin. Bury's Littlewoods Cup duel with Manchester United is believed to have been worth £50,000 to the third division side.

Doors opened to revenue

If Torquay do, in fact, make £2,000, they will be earning a mere hundredth of the £200,000 that the GM Vauxhall Conference champions, Lincoln City, have received from gate receipts this season, although to put things into perspective some third and fourth division sides can expect to draw only £100,000 a season at the turnstiles.

By contrast, Notts County's assistant secretary, Andrew Lane, anticipates a cash injection to the tune of £15,000 from the semi-final with Walsall, whose secretary, Roy Whalley, points out that the games open the door for additional revenue in the form of commercial spin-offs, including match-day sponsorship, advertising and broadcasting fees.

"A really good game can attract sponsorship of up to £2,500 so the play-offs will provide a welcome financial input which involves more than just the money taken at the gate," he said. Indeed, after incurring a loss of £492,000 last season, Walsall can only benefit from these additional fixtures.

However, any rich financial pickings will prove scanty — and short-term — consolation to the players and managers, who miss this year's merry-go-round. To them it seems a paradox that a side finishing fifth at the end of a gruelling League programme can be allowed to leapfrog teams two places higher via sudden-death successes in one-off cup-ties tacked on to the tail end of an already over-long season.

Lillee is a ball of fire again in his thermal vest

By Ivo Tennant

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (22pts) beat Gloucestershire (5) by 49 runs

In spite of a chest infection, tiredness after his exertions earlier in the match and the weather to the extent that he wore a thermal vest, Dennis Lillee yesterday made the kind of impression on his first championship match that only a considerable bowler could achieve.

In 29 overs, itself a feat considering he is aged 38, he took six of Gloucestershire's second-innings wickets for 68. Before this match he had not bowled for six weeks and proclaimed yesterday that he was struggling with his rhythm. You would never have guessed it.

On Friday Lillee had performed as well as he did in this innings, moving the ball away, cutting it back, putting it in the blockhole and bowling the perfect bouncer which followed the batsman's every retreat. He is not, of course, the bowler he was in his pomp, yet his competitive nature has not been dulled.

Gloucestershire had resumed needing 148 to win, with eight wickets intact. The pitch was not as flat as some that are to be found at Northampton and they did not bat well. None of that, though, can detract from a masterly exhibition of control and variation at a pace the faster side of medium.

Lillee gave the batsmen precious little; in fact, he was positively mean. As one Northamptonshire bowler, Walker, remarked, you dare not be profligate when he is standing at mid-off. His competitiveness has clearly pervaded the whole team.

Walker it was who removed Wright, the ball stopping on him and, in quick succession, Bainbridge and Lloyds. Then Lillee got to work off a shorter run than in the first innings. He had cut one back that bowled Alderman, the nightwatchman and a fellow-Western Australian, and after lunch he ran through Gloucestershire's tail.

Russell fell to movement off the pitch. Thomas was bowled by a ball of full length and Athey, with whom Gloucestershire's hopes of victory rested, was bowled pushing forward somewhat lazily.

Thereupon Lawrence, who earlier in the day had asked Lillee to help pinpoint faults with his bowling, attempted something different. He smote four fours and a six off Lillee that cleared the West Stand before he, too, was bowled by another one well up to the bat. Only rarely did Lillee stray in direction. His spell after lunch read 7-3-16-4.

After losing in ignominious fashion last week at Grace Road, this was just the fillip Northamptonshire needed. Today they play the Minor Counties in the Benson and Hedges Cup. If, as expected, Lillee takes part, there will be more than one batsman who will treat him on his reputation rather than his merit. That certainly occurred in this match (which is to take nothing away from his lasting ability) and it is a trump card that his adopted county will hold all season.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 206 (R J Bailey 66; T M Alderman 4 for 52). Second Innings 216 (R G Williams 51; T M Alderman 4 for 52).
GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 172 (A Walker 4 for 50).
Second Innings

A W Stovold c N G B Cook b Capel	40
A J Wright c Larkins b Walker	48
P W Romaines lbw b Lillee	7
T M Alderman b Lillee	14
C W J Athey b Lillee	40
P Bainbridge b Walker	2
J W Lloyds c Ripley b Walker	0
†R C Russell lbw b Lillee	10
D J Thomas b Lillee	3
*D A Graveney not out	1
D V Lawrence b Lillee	23
Extras (b 7, lb 6)	13
Total	201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-86, 3-118, 4-120, 5-127, 6-127, 7-160, 8-176, 9-177.
BOWLING: Lillee 29-8-68-6; Capel 14-3-32-1; N G B Cook 7-3-12-0; Walker 20-3-68-3; Brown 3-0-8-0.
Umpires: D J Constant and R A White.

Gun in back for Gatting this time

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

The announcement of Mike Gatting's short term re-appointment as England captain surprised nobody yesterday — unless, that is, you count Gatting himself, who managed to miss his own Press conference.

Peter May, the chairman of selectors, was at Lord's, hoping to hand out a united message of hope with Gatting, who has kept the job for the eminently fair compromise period of three one-day internationals and two Tests. Lines of communication between the captain and his employers, however, had broken down and May was left alone to diffuse the obvious inference that Gatting will have a metaphorical gun in his back when he leads out his team next week.

May knew exactly what line of questioning to expect. "I will be asked if Mike is on trial," he said. "The answer is that everybody is on trial, including the selectors.

"We have not won for 13 Tests because we haven't bowled the other side out twice. We have also suffered from injuries and we can't hang all that on the captain. Mike is the right person to give us a start. He is very determined and wants to go on."

May dismissed comparisons with last summer, when Gatting was appointed in advance for the entire series, by saying: "There were exceptional circumstances after a very good winter and we got a little carried away."

The fact remains, however, that the last two captains to be appointed for only the first part of a home series — Ian Botham in 1981 and David Gower in 1986 — did not complete the course. Gatting, who took over from Gower when May sacked him at the end of the Lord's Test against India, will be uncomfortably aware of that, despite his outwardly unconcerned air.

"I don't think I am on trial," he insisted later in the day, when alerted to the fact that his views were expected. "The selectors have seen the way I've done the job over the past two years. My trial period came at the start.

Bain Clarkson Trophy

SWANSEA: Worcestershire 352 for 4 (M J Weston 122, P Bent 112, D A Leatherdale 65 not out); Glamorgan 163 (P A Cottey 71, M J Cann 58; M J Weston 5 for 22). Worcestershire won by 189 runs.
HEADINGLEY: Leicestershire 228 for 5 (C C Lewis 132); Yorkshire 151 (M Gidley 4 for 23). Leicestershire won by 77 runs.

Putting Sussex to the sword



No looking back: Harper on his way to an unbeaten 217 for West Indians. Report, page 46

Briton has to win his last races

From a Correspondent
Ste Maxime

Eddie Warden-Owen, of Great Britain, lives to fight another day after racing was abandoned yesterday in the final three series of races that will determine the semi-finalists in the Grundig Cup.

In the one race that was completed, Warden-Owen was beaten by Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, making it imperative that he wins his last two encounters if he is to have a share of the $150,000 prize-money.

He was trailing Peter Isler when the first attempt to run the second race of the day was abandoned. At the second attempt he was leading, but it soon became evident that it would be impossible to complete the race within the allowed time limit.

Only Paul Cayard, of the United States, is assured of a semi-final place, recording his sixth win in the first race of the day.

RESULTS: Round robin: Seventh race: R Davis (NZ) bt J Isler (US), M Bouet (Fr) bt B Pace (Fri, P Cayard (US) bt P Isler (U), subject to protest; C Dickson (NZ) bt E Warden-Owen (GB); M Tewelles (Fri) bt P Gilmour (Aus), subject to protest.

Harrison pulls out at eleventh hour

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Michael Harrison, England's World-Cup captain in Australia last year, has withdrawn at the eleventh hour from England's Rugby Union tour of Australia and Fiji because of a foot injury. It is hoped that Mark Bailey, of Wasps, will be able to replace him and join the main party, with Simon Halliday, at the weekend.

Harrison, the Wakefield right wing who played twice for England this season before being dropped after the defeat against Wales, injured his instep playing in Bermuda over Easter. The injury forced him to miss the Dublin Millenium match last month (when Chris Oti was also injured) and he informed the Rugby Football Union (RFU) on Sunday evening that he would be unfit for the nine-match tour, which begins when England leave Heathrow today.

Bailey, aged 27 and a don at Cambridge University, was a tour reserve but the RFU were awaiting confirmation yesterday evening of his immediate availability. He has won three full caps, and captained England B last year but has not been part of England's plans in the season just ended.

The main body of the tour party assembles today, when Paul Rendall, the Wasps prop, must also pass a fitness test on the calf muscles he tore against Ireland in Dublin. Bailey and Halliday, the Bath centre, will fly out on Friday, with Will Carling, of Harlequins, replacing Halliday after the first international on May 29.

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Campbell appointed by Chelsea

By Dennis Signy

Bobby Campbell was appointed manager of Chelsea yesterday for an "initial" two-year period. Although Chelsea have yet to secure their first division future, the club's directors decided at the weekend to end speculation about the successor to John Hollins with immediate effect.

As he prepared for the crucial play-off game with Blackburn Rovers next Sunday, Campbell, aged 50, greeted the announcement that he was no longer working in a caretaker capacity by saying: "I am *au fait* with the workings of the most successful club in the country, Liverpool, and offer evolution rather than revolution as a formula for success."

As a player at Anfield for a decade, Campbell was initially guided in the reserve side by Bob Paisley, later to become one of several successful Liverpool. Formerly the manager of Fulham and Portsmouth, Campbell established his reputation as a coach at Queen's Park Rangers and Arsenal.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, said yesterday: "In the short time that Bobby Campbell has been at Stamford Bridge he has transformed attitudes and generated a new spirit in the dressing-room."

● Terry Cooper, the former Bristol City manager, has been put in charge of Exeter City. The former England full back replaces the caretaker-manager, John Delve, whose side finished third from bottom of the fourth division. Cooper said: "It's a tremendous challenge, but I have been through it before at a previous club."

● Grimsby Town have dismissed their manager, Bobby Roberts, who had been in charge for less than a year. A missed penalty in a 1-1 home draw against Aldershot on Saturday cost Grimsby relegation for the second year in succession. Last June Mike Lyons was the man to suffer.

Roberts, the former manager of Colchester and Wrexham, was summoned to Grimsby from his Wrexham home yesterday to hear the news. "It was not really a surprise," he said.

England hopefuls' chance to cash in

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Alan Hansen is not the only player likely to benefit from an England XI's appearance at Anfield on Monday. The testimonial match to be staged for the Liverpool captain may represent an unforeseen opportunity for those on the edge of contention for England's European championship party.

Bobby Robson's team will be without Barnes, Beardsley and McMahon, who will be playing for their club. England's manager will also be without Butcher, Pearce and perhaps Anderson, through injury, as well as Pallister, the promising young central defender, who will be involved in the play-offs with Middlesbrough.

Robson, therefore, has at least one hole in each area of the squad he took to Hungary last month, and some members of his shadow squad are also unavailable. Dorigo, for instance, will next week be assisting Chelsea in their struggle for survival in the first division.

Walker, of Nottingham Forest, is the most likely candidate as a replacement in the middle of the back four. The central defender, aged 22, was considered for the visit to Budapest but injury ruled him out. Thomas and Winterburn, both of Arsenal, could be included as cover at full back.

Their club colleagues, Davis and Rocastle, have collected 21 under-21 caps between them. They and Gascoigne, the leading scorer among England's younger players, are already on Robson's list of the future members of the senior team and, for one of them at least, the chance could be about to be offered.

Harford, of Luton Town, and Regis, of Coventry City, have both been regarded as experienced reserves in attack, but their qualities are surpassed by Hateley. Nigel Clough, of Forest, in spite of his lack of speed, would appear to be a more appropriate understudy for the more subtle talents of Beardsley.

Yet Robson will almost immediately jettison any youngsters he summons today. For the internationals against Scotland, Colombia and Switzerland later in the month, Liverpool's trio and Anderson will certainly return and so may Pallister, if not Dorigo.

England's manager has deliberately been consistent in his selections since the World Cup finals two years ago. With less than a month to go before he must reveal his squad for the European championship finals, he will resist the temptation to make any changes other than those that are enforced.

Uncertainty clouds Roxburgh's choice

By Roddy Forsyth

The Scottish League campaign may have finished on cue without any deferred fixtures to be cleared up but Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, must still wait with anxiety to discover how many of his 22-man Rous Cup squad will be fit to play in the matches with Colombia and England next week.

Nine of the players listed by Roxburgh yesterday faced demanding club games before the international encounters. The Celtic pair, Aitken and McStay, play in the Scottish Cup Final on Saturday against Dundee United, whose players, Malpas, Narey and McInally are also in the squad. Gillespie and Nicol, of Liverpool, are similarly involved in the FA Cup Final at Wembley

SQUAD: J Leighton (Aberdeen), A Goram (Hibernian), H Smith (Heart of Midlothian), S Gunn (Norwich); G Gillespie (Liverpool), R Gough (Rangers), A McLeish (Aberdeen), M Malpas (Dundee United), W Miller (Aberdeen), D Narey (Dundee United), S Nicol (Liverpool), R Aitken (Celtic), D Ferguson (Rangers), J McInally (Dundee United), M MacLeod (Borussia Dortmund), P McStay (Celtic), N Simpson (Aberdeen), G Strachan (Manchester United), M Johnston (Nantes), B McClair (Manchester United), A McCoist (Rangers), G Sharp (Everton).

SPORT IN BRIEF

148 break by Duggan

Steve Duggan, a snooker professional, is thought to be the first man to make a break of 148, one point higher than the game's normal maximum. However, the feat will not go into the record books because it was not made in official competition.

Duggan, who is ranked 37th in the world, made his score in a practice match in Doncaster against Mark Rowing, last year's English amateur champion. He was awarded a free ball with all 15 reds still on the table, after Rowing played a foul shot. Duggan took the brown as his free red, potted the blue, then carried on to clear the table.

Davis again

Steve Davis, the snooker world champion, has retained his Rothmans Matchroom League title by beating Jimmy White 8-0 in Nottingham.



Hall: pulled out of squad

England's prospects in the world badminton team championship suffered another blow yesterday when Darren Hall pulled out of the squad. He has an Achilles tendon injury and will miss the Thomas Cup final in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from May 23 to June 4.

Title defence

Tony Wilson meets the unbeaten Brian Schumacher at Tottenham, north London, tonight in defence of his British light-heavyweight boxing championship. Wilson, born in Wolverhampton but now based in West Ham, became champion in only his thirteenth professional contest in December.

Lyle rings in

Sandy Lyle, the Masters golf champion, has confirmed his entry for the Bell's Scottish open at Gleneagles from July 6 to 9, the week before the Open Championship.

Record shot

Colin Hewish, from Rooksbridge, set a world record 2,312 for the most clay pigeons shot in one hour.

Welsh blend

Wales have a team with a blend of youth and experience for their golf international against Austria at Royal Porthcawl next month. They include Calvin O'Carroll and James Lee with six experienced campaigners.

WALES: S C Dodd (Brynhill), J N Lee (Cardiff), M A Macsara (Maesdu), C N Rees (Ashburnham), C O'Carroll (Brynhill), J L Peters (Southerndown), J P Price (Pontypridd), R N Frederick (Pontardawe). Reserves: C P Davies (Rhuddlam), S P Jones (Cardiff).

Jump scheme

A competition to improve young show jumping horses is being introduced this year with sponsorship from the Gleneagles Hotel, in Perthshire. The Gleneagles young horse jumping competition will have six qualifying rounds and a final in December.

Strike puts TT races in doubt

A strike by seamen from the Isle of Man Steam Packet company is threatening the TT races due to begin on the island in three weeks (Andrew Longmore writes). Bill Smith, the chairman of the Autocycle Union, said last night that if the position did not change the races would probably have to be cancelled.

"We will have to take a decision very quickly because riders and spectators come from far afield for the races and we couldn't leave it till the last minute," he said. The seamen are refusing to operate the company's two ferries in support of the NUS dispute with P & O. An estimated 40,000 visitors journey to the Isle of Man for the event.

Win a weekend at Queen's

Tomorrow in *The Times*: the opportunity to win a special weekend at the Stella Artois tennis championships at Queen's Club next month.